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Storm Packs a Punch!!

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

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Steve & Joan Taylor of Fairfield Bay Drive, (Mountain Lake) were just getting ready to go out when the storm hit. Tree removal experts & insurance representatives were on location within hours, but at this time a dollar amount in damages are not available.

Torrential rains and 100-kilometer per hour winds pounded Haliburton County and parts of Ontario and Quebec last Saturday, causing power lines and trees to fall resulting in numerous power outages. At one point, a total of 40,000 Hydro One customers living in rural Ontario were without power.

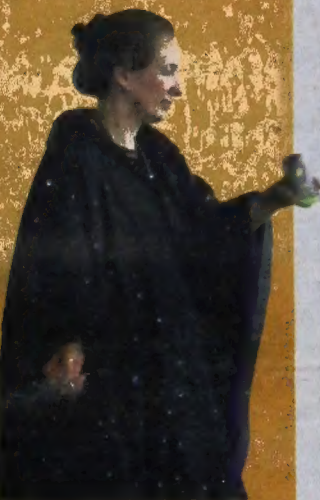
The Highlands, however, was spared from being one of the hardest hit areas, said Danielle Gauvin, Hydro One media relations spokesperson, "which is unusual, to say the least," she added.

The storm, which some residents say brought hail to their area, arrived in Haliburton at around 5 p.m. and lasted for approximately one hour.

Over a 48-hour period, 13,000 Hydro One customers in the area were without power. ■

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When is a Meeting not a Meeting? ...

... "When It's a Gathering" More Transparency Concerns in Minden Hills

In a last minute rush to meet the Building Canada intake deadline, Minden Hills may have inadvertently taken a step that could lead taxpayers to question the Council's commitment to transparency. The Council held a meeting with their department heads, their CAO and the Clerk last Thursday to discuss potential projects, but failed to post notices of the meeting or advise the press that it was taking place.

This, according to the province's Municipal Act and the Sunshine Law Handbook which is published by the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman, as well as the Council's own procedural by-law appears to contravene legislation that requires municipalities to hold their meetings in an open and transparent way.

On April the 15th the Federal and Provincial governments announced the launch of the second intake of the Building Canada Fund. One of the problems with the announcement was that the deadline for applications was May 1st, giving municipalities across the country only two weeks to prepare their submissions.

For some time there have been warning signals to communities that the intake announcement was imminent and that projects were expected to be ready for construction. This is a considerable challenge when design work and engineering must be completed and projects under the stimulus category have to be wrapped up within a two year time frame.

The reality is that many municipalities are scrambling to prepare their applications and some are questioning whether they can actually afford to shoulder their third of the project costs. Over the last several months, more than one politician in the County has commented that it is difficult to resist taking advantage of this infrastructure funding when so much of their infrastructure is in dire need of repair or replacement.

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School Board Reverses Stand

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) trustees have now decided to submit a revised 2009-2010 school year calendar to the Ministry of Education.

After lengthy discussions at a regular meeting of the board on Tuesday, trustees chose to go with a calendar option that will see students return to the classroom on Sept. 8, instead of Sept. 1, as originally proposed at a Feb. 24 meeting.

At the previous committee of the whole meeting, trustees heard from several business owners and those in the tourism industry who asked that the original proposed start date be changed due to the impact it could have on local businesses, students with summer jobs and their families.

After hearing from them and many other concerned community members, trustees directed staff to review the calendar options with the calendar committee. This committee includes representatives from OSSTF, TLETL, TLOTL, elementary and secondary school principals/vice principals, CUPE, senior administration and trustees.

Students Won't Make An Early Return

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Haliburton Health Services waits for Obstetrics Decision

Stephen Patrick
Editor

At the monthly meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Board of Directors held last week in Minden, President and CEO Paul Rosebush reported that no decision has yet been made regarding obstetrical services within Haliburton County.

Rosebush did note that the HHHS had received a very favourable verbal response from the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) (Central East) regarding the package the HHHS submitted requesting consideration of a new model of obstetrics care. The Clinical Services Plan proposed in February by a committee of the LHIN recommended closing the sole obstetrical bed in Haliburton County, and suggested relying instead on local emergency services and the obstetrics departments in Lindsay or Peterborough.

In his submission to the LHIN Rosebush included details of a new model of local obstetrical care which would see close

cooperation between Dr. Norm Bottum (who's provided that care for the past 20 years) and the newly established Haliburton Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft, headed by Rebecca Weeks. The submission also included details of the extensive local media coverage the issue has received as well as the significant public reaction to the proposed cancellation of the service. The public meetings, petitions, letters to the editor, calls to the HHHS were all carefully documented. The LHIN is expected to make a decision within the next few weeks. It's also to be noted that the HHHS Board has been unanimous in its support of a new obstetrics model that would keep the existing service in place, with some modifications. The issue has highlighted some of the difficulties of running a local health service with local needs without any kind of full autonomy. What's encouraging to CEO Rosebush and the Board at least is that the LHIN has been more than willing to listen to the case being made for the obstetrics bed. But, as more than one Board member has put it, "it sure seems like Central Planning".

The rest of the Board meeting was taken up with mainly house-keeping issues: some six applications to join the Board have been received, "all well qualified", according to Past Chair and Nominations Chair Jeanne Anthon, and a new slate of Board members would be presented to the HHHS' next meeting in May, to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting to be held on June 25th. As well, the Board is mandated by the province to conduct a self-evaluation process, which is essentially a peer-driven job review

of each Board member. This process, via an online survey, will take place in the next few weeks.

The HHHS Foundation Director Dale Walker reported that some \$416,000 was raised for the 12-month period ending March 31st; also, some \$31,000 has been raised for the 70 ceiling lifts, and another \$90,000 has been pledged. The total cost of the lifts is \$361,000 and it is the Foundation's hope that the total sum will be raised in 2010. As well, this year's Stuffed Bear – "Boomer" to his friends, has arrived and will be available for \$20 at the Hospitals and various other locations around the county. This is the 12th year for the bears – which have raised over \$60,000 for the Foundation.

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary President Judy Skinner also reported that as of April 6th, 2009, most of their purchases for the Haliburton Hospital have been received, including physiotherapy tables, airway cart, intraosseous drill, and a Broda chair. Tickets for next fall's Taste of Italy dinner are available, and are going fast: the geranium sale is also well underway.

The Auxiliary also announced it will be giving new, small and cute 'Beanie Babies' to children who need care in the Emergency Department.

At the beginning of the Board meeting Beth Archibald, Executive Director of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, outlined the organization role in primary health care throughout the county, and her desire to advance strategies of partnership and efficiency. ■

Minden Hills Meeting Cont'd...

Last week the County Voice published an article detailing to the greatest extent possible how the four lower tier municipalities and the County Council were handling this process, and could only ascertain that Minden Hills had left the matter in the hands of their department heads.

At some point in time it was decided, whether by members of Council or their CAO, Gerry Morrison, that a gathering of the minds should take place and Council was called to attend a meeting on Thursday. No notice of the meeting was given to either the public or the press.

When asked by the County Voice why there was no notice of the meeting, both Morrison and Reeve Jim McMahon were adamant that the 'gathering' of all but one Council member was not an official meeting. Morrison said, "That was stated categorically at the beginning of the meeting by both the Reeve and myself."

When asked what projects had been discussed, Morrison would not provide any details either by e-mail or phone. He suggested that, if further information was required, a meeting in his office would be more appropriate. As well, Reeve McMahon, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Barbara Reid were all unwilling to discuss with the Voice the details of the meeting or the projects under consideration.

The Municipal Act (the Act) contains a number of clauses detailing the requirements for meetings. Section 238 of the Act states that municipalities must have a procedural by-law to govern their

meetings which are defined as any regular, special or other meeting of a council or their committees. The same section requires that the procedural by-law provides for public notice of meetings.

According to the Act, even meetings that are intended to be closed sessions must be posted with the time and place of the meeting and the general intent of the discussion. When asked for an opinion or an interpretation of the Act, representatives from Municipal Affairs advised the Voice that only a lawyer would be qualified to provide an opinion on their own legislation. They suggested contacting either the Municipality's Meeting Investigator or the Ontario Ombudsman.

The Minden Hills Procedural By-law says that all meetings, even special or emergency meetings shall be open to the public. (If time is of the essence, many municipalities will simply place a notice on their website and call any members of the press who normally would attend.) This seems to be the practice followed by the County and several other Haliburton municipalities.

Haliburton County Clerk Tamara Wilbee confirmed that the County gives notice of all meetings by posting an annual meeting calendar on their website or ads in the local newspapers to ensure accountability and transparency. The press are provided with electronic copies of County Council agendas (a practice followed by all the municipalities in the County except Minden Hills.) Special meetings can be called by the Warden with at

least 48 hours notice to all the members and local media.

Dysart provides notification of special or emergency meetings or changes to the date, time and/or location of a regular Council meeting by posting a notice on their website prior to the meeting and by one publication in a local newspaper or if necessary by calling the media to advise them of changes or special meetings.

In Algonquin Highlands, Clerk Angie Bird said that they always endeavour to adhere to the requirements of the Municipal Act. Bird said, "If the Council is together discussing municipal business, it is considered to be a meeting."

Bird referred to a users' manual for the Municipal Act written by George Rust-D'Eye who is one of Canada's leading municipal law lawyers. She said that case law has proven that if a Council is in a room discussing municipal business it constitutes a meeting. Bird said, "It is clear that public notice is required. How that notice is given is up to the individual municipality."

McMahon referred to two strategic planning meetings that had been held outside of the municipality that had not caused any comment or concern, but the Act makes exceptions for meetings that are being held for educational purposes as long as no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter that could materially advance the business of the municipality.

McMahon said, "We simply wanted to hear what staff thought about submissions and discuss our next steps. What the staff and Council think can be two different things and our staff wanted to pick Council's brains. After all, we have the water tower on the go, a library to finish off and we needed to decide whether we should pass or take advantage of the funding. We have two or three projects that are possibilities to consider moving forward and there is only one day after our Thursday meeting to submit the applications."

According to McMahon, Morrison called the meeting a 'special department head meeting.' He reiterated that Council had not held an illegal meeting. He said they had simply discussed a time sensitive issue and had 'kicked around' ideas that may not be approved at their meeting on Thursday. ■

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The event raised \$21,000 in bursaries and scholarships for deserving students at Fleming's Haliburton campus. An amazing array of arts works by local artists and artisans were donated for the three auctions, silent, loonie, and live: and of course the food, prepared by some of the county's top chefs, was spectacular.

The evening's culinary lineup included: an assorted Sushi Platter and Roasted Red Snapper filet created by the Pinestone's Executive Chef Gord Skinner and Chef Ryan Tomlinson; a mouth-watering Chicken Liver Pate, Pickle Soup, and Maple Smoked Brisket by In-House Chef Alex McCracken; Gravlax, Mussels with Cheddar Chorizo Sausage, Saffron, and Lemon by Rhubarb Chefs Christoff Carl and David Adams, assisted by Josh Ewert; Heritage Café's Nicola Jowett added a Mandarin and Goat Cheese Salad on Baby Spinach, while Chef Chris Baux contributed Haliburton Maple Glazed Shank of Spring Lamb; and finally, YMCA Camp Wanakita's Chef Ron Tenthorey created an astonishing Chocolate Hazelnut Caramel Dome with Harlequin Croquant.

And you could actually go back for seconds.

Fleming College's Ted Brandon MCed the event, and paid special thanks to the Pinestone's departing Chef Gord Skinner for his great support for Feast and Foods over the years. ■



From left: Chefs Ryan Tomlinson, David Adams, Josh Ewert, Tony Aymong, Gord Skinner, Nicola Jowett, Ron Tenthorey, and Alex McCracken.



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▲ 14° ▼ 4°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers

▲ 13° ▼ 5°

SATURDAY

Variable clouds and cooler with P.M. showers

▲ 9° ▼ 3°

SUNDAY

Cloudy and cool with sprinkles

▲ 8° ▼ 0°

MONDAY

Sunny to partly cloudy and milder

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TUESDAY

Partly cloudy and pleasant

▲ 15° ▼ 5°

WEDNESDAY

Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 17° ▼ 8°

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Antigua	31/25/ts	30/24/pc	29/24/dz	Nassau	28/21/su	30/22/su
Barbados	32/26/pc	32/26/sh	30/27/pc	Port au Prince	30/24/ts	31/24/ts
Bermuda	26/18/pc	24/18/pc	25/20/su	Puerto Vallarta	33/17/su	34/16/su
Cancun	31/23/pc	31/23/pc	29/23/su	St Thomas	30/24/pc	31/24/sh
Curacao	31/26/pc	33/26/ts	31/24/su	St. Maarten	31/24/ts	31/25/pc
Freeport	28/21/su	29/22/su	28/23/su	San Jose, CR	28/19/ts	29/21/ts
Georgetown	31/26/ts	32/25/ts	31/23/dz	San Juan	29/23/ts	30/24/pc
Havana	31/23/su	31/24/sh	30/22/dz	San Salvador	32/23/ts	31/24/ts
Key West	28/20/pc	29/22/pc	29/24/pc	Santo Domingo	30/23/ts	30/24/ts
Kingston	31/24/ts	31/26/ts	31/29/dz	Trinidad	32/26/ts	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES						
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Bancroft	14/4/cl	13/5/sh	9/3/sh	7/1/cl	13/4/pc	15/5/pc
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Dorset	14/3/sh	13/4/sh	9/2/sh	7/0/cl	13/4/pc	14/4/pc
Haliburton	14/4/sh	13/5/sh	9/3/sh	8/0/cl	13/4/pc	15/5/pc
Huntsville	14/3/sh	13/4/sh	9/2/sh	7/0/cl	13/3/pc	14/4/pc
Kingston	17/6/cl	16/6/sh	11/4/sh	10/1/cl	15/5/pc	17/6/pc
Lindsay	16/4/sh	14/6/sh	11/3/sh	9/1/cl	14/4/pc	16/6/pc
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Toronto	17/6/sh	16/7/sh	12/5/sh	10/2/cl	16/6/pc	17/7/pc

NATIONAL CITIES						
City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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Calgary	7/-2/pc	14/2/su	12/1/pc	16/3/su	15/3/dz	17/4/cl
Edmonton	8/-1/cl	11/2/pc	18/0/su	21/2/su	18/3/cl	16/1/sh
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Saturday 4/25	24°C	6°C	3.6 mm
Friday 4/24	21°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 4/23	10°C	1°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/22	6°C	2°C	2.3 mm
Tuesday 4/21	11°C	4°C	2.0 mm

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Fri. 4/30	6:03 a.m./8:20 p.m.	12:07 p.m./2:21 a.m.
Sat. 5/1	6:02 a.m./8:21 p.m.	1:24 p.m./2:50 a.m.
Sun. 5/2	6:00 a.m./8:23 p.m.	2:38 p.m./3:14 a.m.
Mon. 5/3	5:59 a.m./8:24 p.m.	3:50 p.m./3:36 a.m.
Tues. 5/4	5:57 a.m./8:25 p.m.	5:01 p.m./3:56 a.m.
Wed. 5/5	5:56 a.m./8:26 p.m.	6:12 p.m./4:17 a.m.

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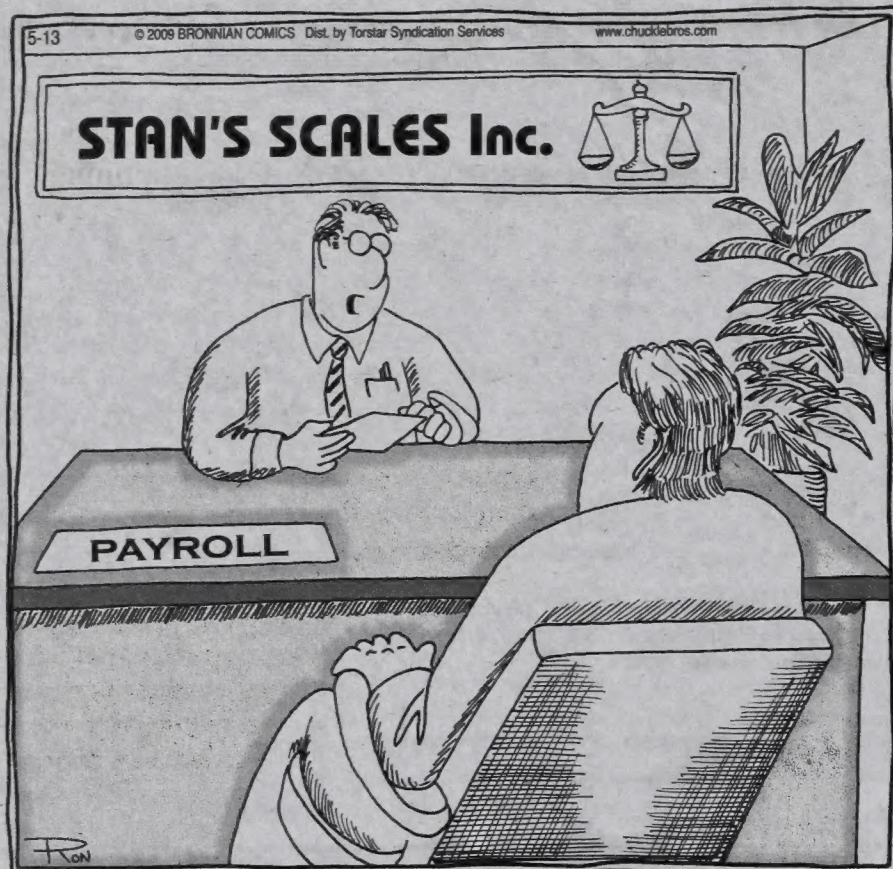
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor

“Where are all the pilots?”

In regard to the article by Liz Danielsen regarding the airport expansion, which by the way I thought was very well written, Liz was wondering why no pilots have come forward to express their opinions. Let me try to explain my view on this subject.

Would you ask Matt Duchene or Cody Hodgson if we should have a viable arena? Would you ask Kevin Martin or Randy Ferby if we should have a curling rink? A teacher if we should have a library or a family if we should have a park? I think you get the gist of what I am trying to convey. My opinion would be very biased because I am a PILOT therefore it would be disregarded as a legitimate opinion by the general population. A response would be something along the sentiment of “What do you expect from a pilot?”

The pilots that did respond in a negative fashion are reminiscent of a new cottage or home owner; a response that we are all guilty of either acting on or even just considering. Once you buy your cottage or home, you spend the remainder of your time there working on ending any further development on your lake. Be it a lake property or an airport, as selfish as it seems, its human nature: basically the mentality of “I’ve got mine and I don’t want to share.” Since this selfish act is human nature, it is to be expected from some pilots.

As for safety factor, the existing runway for me is a white knuckle affair except in the best of conditions. Basically, if you watch a bird land, you may notice that they always land into wind. Unfortunately, at Stanhope, I do not get that option at the moment. My bird gets rocked around and shoved by the wind. Now maybe I am not as good as those guys protesting, but I try hard and have done so for 10 years, which doesn’t exactly make me a rookie. It’s a running joke at the airport that if you can land at Stanhope, you can land anywhere, making us better pilots. Now this may be true, but I think the cost is a little high.

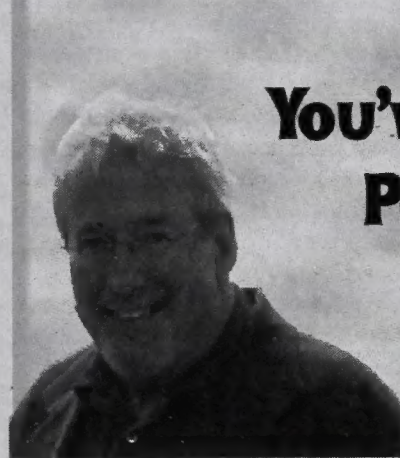
Airplanes are like cars. You don’t like to risk wrecking one for a frivolous reason. When my daughter Tracy was teaching in North Bay, she occasionally overflowed our Village. When I asked if she was going to land at Stanhope she said the school would not allow it due to the short runway and constant crosswinds, an unnecessary risk in their minds. Tracy has been flying for 10 years as well, is a commercial pilot and has landed in places most people haven’t heard of around here, myself included. She is a class 2 instructor who graduated from Seneca College’s Aviation program; very qualified in her field but both she and the other instructors felt the students weren’t ready for this airport. Not every pilot is Chuck Yeager, or every driver is Mario Andretti, so we compensate by improving highways, roads, playgrounds, and yes even runways. There is a safety issue in everything we do; if you don’t leave the house you will never have a traffic accident. Sometimes it’s not in a few people’s interests, but as a community we are compelled to contribute. Is this a bad thing? I don’t really think so.

P.S I have no intentions of choosing sides in this matter. I was asked to give my opinion and I have.

Greg Tibbitts
Haliburton ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



You’ve Had It, Pontiac



Storied Marque Bites the Dust

My Dad’s first car was a Pontiac, a 1936 black behemoth he bought specifically to transport our family from Hamilton to Koshlong Lake for summers in the late 1940s. It was incapable of making the big hill on Koshlong Lake Road south of the Burnt River bridge until we unloaded ourselves, along with the summer supplies, bedrolls and duffel bags. My brother and I thought it was an amazing chariot, a miracle machine.

Perhaps that’s one reason my own first car was a Pontiac, a brand new, gleaming burgundy 1967 Firebird 400 V8 with black interior, Hurst four on the floor, ram air, and the tack amazingly sunk into the hood a good six inches in front of the windshield. Detroit Iron at its most outrageous – fat soft tires, 11 MPG, if you’re lucky, astonishingly fast acceleration, and a license to kill on anything more than the slightest of corners.

I sold it after flying 100 feet through the air very late one soft summer night on Highway 121 just past the Bobcaygeon Road junction. We hit the ground backwards, snapped a fence post, the metal racking the car roof like skeletal fingers, and came to rest in a muddy field. The snapped fence post is still there: the generous farmer who pulled me gently out with his tractor at 2 am refused any payment. The car, apart from the roof, was undamaged.

Later that 1967 summer, now graduated to a Lotus Europa, I drove to a Group 7 Can-Am car race in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The car ferry across Lake Michigan was filled with young engineers and designers from the Big Three in Detroit: they clustered around the Lotus, marvelling at the sleek lines, the mid-ship engine, the complete lack of design compromise. Many of them were already in some kind of professional despair at what they felt was a complete lack of imagination in Detroit’s upper echelons. The Europeans were coming on strong – and the Japanese wouldn’t be far behind: America was arrogant, Detroit suddenly old, atrophied, and vulnerable.

This week’s announcement of the death of the Pontiac brand brought home with brutal clarity just how deep the crisis in the auto industry, world wide, really is. That a storied marque which at different times boasted the Firebird, the GTO, the Trans Am, even the family Le Mans, could be summarily trashed in favour of the middle of the road Chevys is a shock.

And now comes the latest news from the States that GM and Chrysler may both end up being owned by a combination of government and union pension funds, not unlike the British Government’s ill-fated takeover of British Leyland many years ago. And our Canadian GM news is worse: 60 percent of manufacturing jobs gone over the next five years; 300 dealerships to be dumped, putting an additional 14,000 people out of work nationwide.

The next few weeks will likely be critical for many in our community as both GM and Chrysler try to convince their various stakeholders that they will remain viable enterprises. The future of the dozens of employees of Curry Motors, a Haliburton business icon for almost a century, hangs in the balance. Although one can’t imagine that GM would axe Currys – after all it’s their only dealership in the entire area – Pontiac is still one of their leading brands.

But Pontiac is no more, although the ever popular GMC trucks, the mainstay of the dealership, remains. Tough times, made somehow tougher in a small community where so much economic pain will inevitably touch so many. ■

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School Decision Means Labour Day Long Weekend Saved

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As a result, the committee came up with three options (one of which was to go with the status quo). Option two had a proposed start of Sept. 8 for students and a finish date of June 30, 2010, for all schools in the board except the Huntsville district (which will be affected by the G8 Summit). This option came with a total of eight PA days for all the schools, not including Huntsville.

The third option, which was chosen by trustees, has start and end dates that attempt to align with the calendars of co-terminus boards. Students will return on Sept. 8 and finish on June 30. This calendar also has eight PA days scheduled for the year.

Of all the options, the third is shown to be the most cost effective for the board. There would be no additional transportation costs, whereas the original calendar that was proposed came with a \$60,000 cost for bussing (\$15,000 per day for the four days that buses would not coincide with co-terminus boards).

At Tuesday night's meeting when examining the options, trustees voiced their opinions. Several said that the needs of students needed to be the number one priority in selecting an option. They also acknowledged the valid concerns that members of the public brought forward to them since the revision process started.

Trustee Norah Fountain said that communication with the public about the need for a calendar change could have been better from the beginning. She believes that many people were under the misconception that a calendar problem was caused by the G8 Summit.

"I think our process was slightly flawed," said Fountain. "I think the information that was out there was that this was a G8, Muskoka problem. It's not a Muskoka problem. It's an issue that covers the entire province."

Kathryn Verduyn, Director of Education, explained to trustees that should slight changes be made to Huntsville's calendar down the road because of the G8 Summit, the Ministry would work with them to make the necessary modifications.

"The advice we got from the Ministry was to build a calendar for Huntsville just as you would for the rest of your board...when we know more in February and March we can move the exam days, move graduations, we can make plans based on the on-the-ground reality of what we think we know."

The school calendar was affected this year because of the late arrival of Labour Day, on Sept. 7. When trustees came up with their original calendar proposal they were required to submit it to the Ministry no later than March 1.

That deadline was extended by the Ministry to May 1, so that school boards across the province could reconsider their submissions. ■

Earth Day at Fleming College

Last Saturday some 50 or so hardy souls gathered at Fleming College's Haliburton campus to celebrate the county's first Earth Day Family Festival. One of the Festival's Organizers, Puppeteer and Story Teller Shelley King welcomed the crowd, and pointed out that over 140 countries are now celebrating Earth Day. Jim Hopkins, along with the Gaia Centre's Carol Kilby, and Jim's daughter Madeline, raised the earth day flag, which stubbornly refused to flutter for the cameras. In a brief speech Hopkins pointed out that this was the 20th year that the community has celebrated Earth Day, and recalled that back then there was significant local scepticism, if not hostility, to the idea.

After Barry "Bazza" Hayward had drummed the gathering back inside, award-winning U.S. children's author, business consultant, and environmental advocate Jennifer Morgan transfixed the crowd with a reading of her book "The Big Bang", the first in her Universe Story Trilogy for readers six years old to 11. Assuming her character of "The Universe", and appropriately dressed in a long black gown with sparkling lights, Ms. Morgan outlined the origins of the universe with startling images and highly imaginative prose.



The activities then shifted to individual workshops, including gardening for a happy earth family, peace puppets, an art attack presented by the Rails End Gallery's Laurie Jones, and finally a workshop for parents conducted by Ms. Morgan designed to help their children understand and appreciate Mother Earth. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

"What kind of cartoon characters do you have running your Municipality?"

I wish to comment on the extremely well written letter by Bev MacDuff in the April 23rd, 2009 edition. I am in total agreement with most of the items covered in her letter; however I believe anyone who thinks the Province would even consider de-amalgamation in living in la la land!

Reeve Dave Burton stated in his campaign literature for the last Municipal Election that no way would he support building a new Municipal building: this five year plan will become the five minute plan when I am elected, he stated. He sold us down the river on the asphalt plant and was gung ho to close the Wilberforce Medical Centre, no wonder people stop me on the street and in stores to ask what kind of cartoon characters do you have running your Municipality?

I was shocked to hear councilor Suzanne Partridge state she didn't want staff separated! Why? Can they not communicate electronically? Perhaps councilor Partridge is worried that staff may be lonely. One can only wonder what this council uses for common sense!

Question: Council has said it will sell existing buildings to help pay for the new building — who will buy them? What are they worth? If as stated they are not environmentally friendly, who will want them?

I am also concerned about the future of the Gooderham Post Office. It is common knowledge that members of this council want it gone. However given the fact that 73 percent of ward three people didn't bother to vote in the last election and obviously no one fights for ward three issues, I guess we have only ourselves to blame!

P.S. Just a thought, instead of a new Municipal Building which we don't need, how about some surface treatment for our roads which we most assuredly do need.

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County Council Accepts Enduro Bikes on Rail Trail

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Non motorized users of the Haliburton Rail Trail Corridor will likely be up in arms when they discover that last week County Council ignored the recommendation of their own Committee and accepted the use of Enduro bikes on the trail for a one year trial. A draft agreement will still have to go back to County Council at a subsequent meeting and a by-law passed formalizing the decision, but the Council, after two recorded and somewhat convoluted votes, approved the use of what has often been considered in the past to be noisy machines ridden by irresponsible riders.

Ken Hoeverman, Executive Director of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR), made the pitch to County Council to allow enduro bikes on the Rail Trail. Hoeverman told Council that the OFTR had been founded in 1990 and was incorporated in 1992. He said that, since its incorporation, the Federation had developed a code of conduct for all trail users in Ontario, along with a mandate to create and maintain a trail network in Ontario for any well intentioned users.

Hoeverman described the OFTR as a family based organization. He said that only 15 percent of the organization's membership was single and that over 60 percent of the members were over 30 years of age. "Most of our members are family oriented and hard working individuals. We have approximately 1500 members and are expecting 27 percent growth this year." Hoeverman's pitch went so far as to suggest that his membership was particularly committed to maintaining their relationships.

Hoeverman spoke briefly of the history of enduro bike use, pointing out that the first off road event in Ontario had been held in 1904 and the Corduroy Enduro had been running since 1953. He said, "We have land use agreements in five areas of Ontario and we are known as the best stewards of the land." Strong words that could cause a healthy debate with any number of environmentalists.

According to Hoeverman, the OFTR programs include enforcement, education and the need for named third party insurance valued at \$5 million-dollars. He said that the OFTR maintained 'sound advice and no excuses by-laws' and had both volunteers and paid off duty officers to conduct patrols. Hoeverman also provided reference letters from Limerick Forest and Simcoe County with whom the OFTR have shared use agreements.

"Why do we need a Rail Trail agreement?" he asked. "Because it is a very important linkage to existing trails." Hoeverman chuckled and said that before coming to Council the Federation had briefly considered (the impossible task of) simply hiding their tracks.

Acknowledging the noise levels, Hoeverman said that the OFTR had sound meters, they teach people how to use them and

"Enforcement will be critical."
(Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch)

"This is the worst resolution I've seen in 35 years"
(Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey)

test their machines on a regular basis. He said that one of their slogans out of Haliburton County was "Don't exhaust your welcome."

Hoeverman quoted Henry Ford, saying, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." He reminded Council that after a large consultation process in 2004, a recommendation had been made that enduro bikes be allowed access to the Rail Trail (Section 10 of the Master Plan) but the conditions required that all

bikes must be licensed and insured.

He said, "At that time we didn't ask for permission as we were not incorporated and didn't have insurance. Now we're able to comply and are asking for the ability to access the trail."

According to Hoeverman, the Rail Trail Committee had voted on their request. Right up front he said, as a committee member he had refrained from voting, but he still felt that the process was flawed. Hoeverman told Council that the Chair's vote

had created a tie which was considered to be a vote against allowing enduro bikes on the trail. He said that one of the nay votes came from the Haliburton ATV Association and he had later been advised by the HATVA President that this had not been the opinion of the association. Hoeverman added that, since the committee meeting, opinions had changed in his favour.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she would like to gain a better understanding of how the use by the two organizations (HATVA and OFTR) would mix and work together. Hoeverman said that would be handled primarily through a code of conduct and shared use agreements. He said, "There's no trail that we don't share unless the vehicle

is too wide." This led to a brief discussion about side by sides vs. two-ups.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey asked if the City of Kawartha Lakes had given permission for use of the trail from their end, but Hoeverman advised that wasn't in place yet.

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch cautioned that the group should only be given a trial. She said, "Enforcement will be critical and in my experience there isn't enough enforcement on the Rail Trail."

Murdoch acknowledged that there will always be a few that spoil things for everyone else.

Fearrey said, "Enduro bikes are one of the reasons for the Rail Trail study. Problems were identified with them then, tearing up the trail for a start. We need some answers on this before we can support it." But Hoeverman said that the OFTR's plans had been reviewed by the Committee last summer and there was no large opposition to enduro bikes.

Harrison enquired if concerns had been raised at the public meeting held earlier this year and Hoeverman advised that there were 37 delegations. None of them opposed or said specifically that enduro bikes should be removed from the plan.

Murdoch suggested that the recommendation should be coming through the Committee with their support. In response to Hoeverman's description of the Committee's vote, Murdoch said that



technically

the motion had been defeated by the Rail

Trail Committee. Harrison agreed that given the vote at the committee level there needed to be more discussion.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon said, "I understood that we agreed to have Trails and Tours manage our rail trail system. We're hearing from the president today and I believe we can support him in principal, and send him back for a review rather than overruling this."

Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis reiterated that a tie vote rules as a no vote. He cautioned Council to only allow the use on a trial basis as once a use was approved it would be hard to reverse the decision. Hoeverman however said that all agreements are renewed each year and that he was only looking for a 2009 agreement.

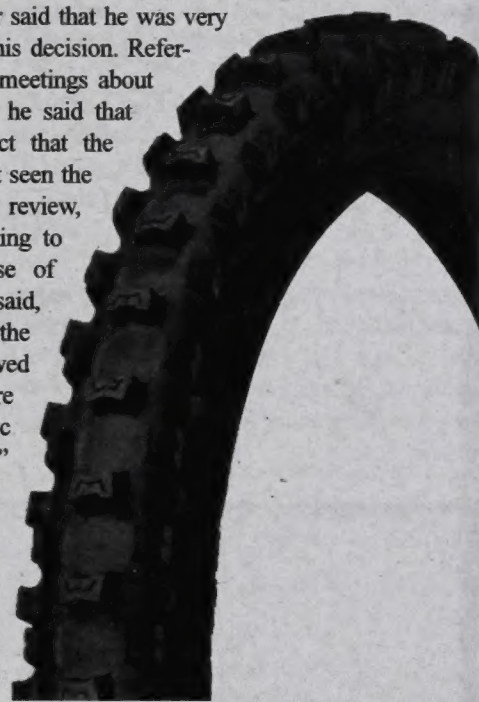
Harrison said, "Seeing who supported this and who did not and being asked to make a decision today, I would say I could support this on a one year trial basis. It has been proven that they were to be included and to say we won't allow it because they were not first in the door isn't right. I see them as equal."

Fearrey said, "There are more politics involved in this than there is in this room. I think this is weighted heavily for some users." Fearrey also said that the County needs to look carefully at the structure of the committee.

Davis called for a vote. In fact there were two votes taken as the first one was a bit convoluted and misunderstood by several members of Council. Fearrey said, "That is the worst resolution I have seen in 35 years." Both times Fearrey and Davis voted against allowing the bikes on the trail and the remaining members (excluding Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie who was absent) voted to allow the use. Approval was recommended for a one year trial with limits in noise levels to 94 decibels at 20 feet using SAE J1287 field test procedures.

Fearrey later said that he was very frustrated by this decision. Referring to public meetings about the Rail Trail, he said that despite the fact that the County has not seen the results of the review, they were willing to change the use of the trail. He said, "It proves that the system is flawed and I think there will be a public reaction to this."

Upcoming meetings of County Council will bring the answer to that. ■



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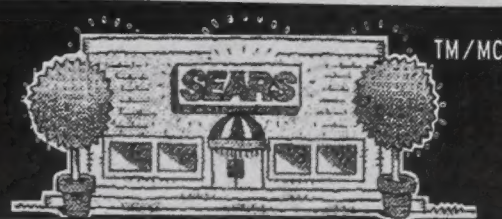
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Do the Technologies We Use Pose Health Risks?

Trent University Professor Dr. Magda Havas Examines Electromagnetic Energy

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Practically wherever we are in the world, different types of technology emit waves of energy around us. Nowadays, most of us have cell phones strapped on to our hip or placed in our pocket wherever we go – at all times, day and night. In places where wireless Internet is just a click away, it's pretty tempting to log on through these convenient means, rather than having to hook up with chords and wires that can be a pain to lug around.

But according to Dr. Magda Havas, Associate Professor in the Environmental Resource Studies program at Trent University, much of the electromagnetic energy in our environment can pose risks to our health after continuous, long-term exposure.

Havas was in Minden on Monday, April 20, as the final featured guest speaker of the season in a series hosted by the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research.

In her hour-long insightful – and alarmingly revealing presentation – Havas spoke about her research on the health effects of radio frequency radiation. It's a form of energy she says many people are exposed to at high levels without even knowing it. She also believes that many people and companies are using energy recklessly.

Havas first became fascinated with the subject of "electromagnetic pollution" in the early 90's while teaching at Trent University. In fact, she felt so strongly about it that she wanted to make it a course of study for her students. But first she had to try and dig up the facts on whether or not this form of energy could be hazardous to humans.

"I needed to know if this energy was really harmful because there were studies out there that linked an increase of cases of

childhood leukemia to kids who lived close to power lines," explained Havas. "I read studies about electromagnetic energy that said it was harmful, while others said it wasn't. But what I found was that each study was biased. In some cases, they didn't even have factual information to back it up."

Based on her research at that time, Havas determined that the science wasn't advanced enough to clearly indicate if this energy could be harmful to people.

It wasn't until after her husband returned from a trip to Wales, England, with a peculiar story about one of his experiences that Havas really began to question this form of energy even more.

"He was out one night with my brother-in-law (an electrical engineer). My brother-in-law all of a sudden pulled out a fluorescent tube from under his trench coat and in walking by a nuclear power plant they went under some of the high voltage transmission lines. He held the tube up and it lit up," explained Havas.

Havas tried out the experiment herself, and again, the light was lit-up by the power lines. She went to her university colleagues in the physics department and told them about what happened.

"I said that this is what just happened to me. Can you explain it?" she said. "They told me that the light was lit-up due to a very high, intense electric field that was exciting the gases inside of the fluorescent tube, which is basically how the light functions anyway."

She then asked one physics expert if that form of energy could be harmful. Could it contribute to something like childhood leukemia?

"His answer to my question was 'definitely not'. I then asked him how he could know that. He replied by saying that theoretically there's not enough energy in the frequency of power lines to cause any harmful effects. It's not ionizing radiation, like what comes from x-rays.

He said that under no circumstances could it harm people."

Havas said though theory is useful and has its benefits, observations shouldn't be overlooked either.

"When observation is contrary to the theory that we have on how something works, the observation that is properly made is much more important," she explained.

It was at that time that Havas decided that she would pursue answers to her question: "can this energy be harmful?"

She proceeded to go through childhood leukemia studies, many of which showed that there was an increased risk to kids who live in areas where there are high levels of electromagnetic frequencies. Other studies showed that those working as electricians, linemen, or in other positions in the field of power, faced increased risks of developing leukemia and other types of cancers.

Havas says that it was once she discovered the benefits of using this form of energy; she also uncovered its negative as-

pects.

"It wasn't until I read some of the healing effects of this energy that I became convinced that it was harmful," she said.

Havas spoke of a device that emits an electromagnetic field pulse to help speed up the healing process in various types bone fracture injuries.

"As I read about the device, one of the sentences that I came across was: 'Do not use this on anyone who has cancer.' I thought that this was interesting. Why should you not use it on anyone who has cancer? What is it doing to the bone of someone who has cancer?"

Well, as it turned out, it would end up speeding up the rate of cell division. The bone ends up healing because the cells are dividing quickly. That means it would cause cancerous cells to do the exact same thing, thus speeding up the progression of the disease.

Havas said she soon realized that not only are low, frequency electromagnetic fields that are emitted from power lines dangerous, but so are the frequencies that come from the popular wireless technologies that many of us use today.

Havas went on to talk about the ways that energy is frivolously used in today's day and age. She said that electronic devices people use such as computers, cell phones, plasma TV's and dimmer switches all produce "dirty electricity", which is also known as electrical pollution.

According to statistics from a study that Havas brought with her, electromagnetic energy in one form or another adversely affects about one third of the entire population.

"This is according to the best guess work to date," she explained. "If we continue doing what we're doing, we're going to see a lot more people who are adversely affected by these technologies."

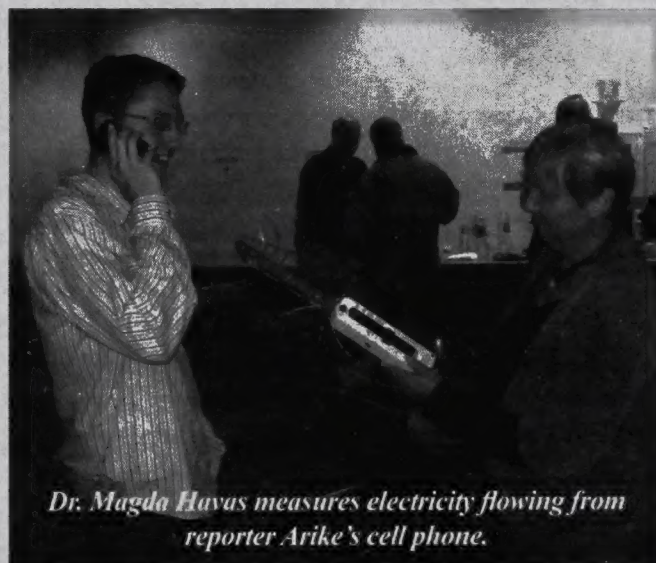
In one true story about a school in Wisconsin, students and staff became sick for no apparent reason. At first it was believed that mold was causing the problem, so a major cleaning of the building was conducted. But that didn't help. When everyone returned, they became sick within their first week back.

"It was discovered that the school had a very poor power

quality," said Havas.

Havas says that stronger guidelines need to be imposed in Canada when it comes to technologies that emit electromagnetic energies. She wants Health Canada to take a more proactive approach in the matter.

"Health Canada is ignoring a lot of the research that is being done in this area," she said. "The current guidelines in Canada do not protect public health. As a result, when a company wants to come and a put up an antenna, Wi-Fi, or some other form of technology, they are able to do it."



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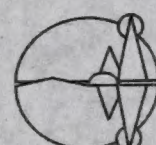
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Diet to Save Earth

British researchers stirred up a portly pot of controversy with their findings that point to overweight people contributing to global warming more than their slim counterparts. Writing in the *International Journal of Epidemiology*, Phil Edwards and Ian Roberts of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine point to food production being a major contributor to global warming. They also say that changing diets and less physical activity have resulted in the average U.K. citizen consuming 19 percent more food than 40 years ago. That has created a nation in which 40 percent are obese, compared to only 3.5 percent that would be expected in a "normal" population. Overweight people can be responsible for the emission of a ton more of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide than thin ones, mainly due to their eating more food and the additional fuel needed to carry them in cars and other vehicles, the study says. "When it comes to food consumption, moving about in a heavy body is like driving around in a gas guzzler," the authors say.

Balmy March

Despite what seemed to have been a winter that wouldn't end across many parts of North America, March 2009 turned out to be the 10th warmest worldwide since records began in 1880. The U.S. National Climatic Data Center calculated the combined global land and ocean surface temperature for the month was 55.87 degrees Fahrenheit, which is almost one degree warmer than the 20th century average. Land areas of the southern hemisphere experienced their fourth warmest March on record, while the dry surfaces north of the equator experienced the 12th warmest March on record.

Airlifted From Extinction

About 50 surviving members of one of the world's rarest species of frog are being airlifted from one of its two last remaining refuges in the Caribbean in a desperate bid to save it from extinction. An invasive fungus has nearly wiped out the "mountain chicken" since it probably arrived on the British colony of Montserrat earlier this year. Named for its unique taste and popularity as a delicacy, the frog once inhabited five Caribbean islands. But the chytrid fungus, and overhunting, have now left Montserrat and nearby Dominica as the only remaining habitats. Britain's Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, the Zoological Society of London and the Parken Zoo in Stockholm will use the airlifted mountain chickens in captive breeding to prevent the species from being entirely wiped out.

Rivers of Change

A new study by U.S. researchers suggests that climate change may be causing rivers in some of the world's most populous regions to lose water. The findings may indicate global warming could potentially threaten future supplies of food and water. Scientists from the National Center for Atmospheric Research examined stream flows from 1948 to 2004 and found significant changes in about one-third of the world's largest rivers. The rivers that were delivering less water to large populations included the Colorado in the southwestern United States, the Ganges in India, the Yellow River in northern China and the Niger in West Africa. More evaporation due to higher temperatures and decreased precipitation in the mid- and lower latitudes may be responsible for the reduced flows, the scientists say.

Earthquakes

Two strong quakes in South Asia's seismically active Hindu Kush mountain range killed at least 22 Afghans and destroyed hundreds of homes early on April 17. The stronger quake caused many mud-and-brick homes to collapse on sleeping villagers in the middle of the night.

• Earth movements were also felt along the Israel-Lebanon border and in western China's Xinjiang region, islands north of Indonesia's Sulawesi Island, northern Colombia and central Alabama.

Cyclone Bijli

Five people were killed when Cyclone Bijli came ashore in southern Bangladesh's Chittagong district on April 17. While the tropical storm lost force as it approached the Bangladesh coast, about 200 houses were still wrecked and several thousand acres of land were left inundated in its wake.

Lava Kills Wildlife

A strong and steady flow of lava continued to pour into the Pacific for a second week from a volcano in the Galapagos Islands nature preserve. The eruption of La Cumbre volcano on uninhabited Fernandina Island began on April 11. Lava and ash have emerged from three vents on one side of La Cumbre, with the lava flow reaching 30 feet in width at one point. According to park officials, scalding water heated by the lava has killed several species of fish along with several fur seals. But Galapagos officials said that the rare and endangered species on Fernandina did not appear to be in danger.

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We asked people at Dr. Magda Havas's presentation, "What kinds of technology do you use most often? Are you going to change how you use technology now? What would you do if you didn't have this technology at your disposal anymore?"



Barrie Martin, West Guilford – "I use a computer with a router, I have a cell phone and I have a portable phone. I'm not sure if my portable phone is the kind that uses DECT technology (the type that emits dirty electricity), but I will definitely check. This lecture has given me a sober second thought about technology. The computer is a big part of my business. I couldn't run my business the way I currently do without it."



Carolyn Coburn, West Guilford – "I spend time on the computer everyday for work. I keep my cell phone use to a minimum. I have lots of the incandescent light bulbs around the house, so I might have to think about whether to keep them or not. I'm going to check my cordless phones to see if they use the DECT technology. Without a computer I wouldn't be able to answer people's questions so quickly!"



Janis Parker, Haliburton – "I use my BlackBerry 24/7, I have a cordless phone and I have a wireless router at the cottage. My husband loves the incandescent light bulbs, but we'll probably get rid of those now knowing the emissions they produce. I mainly use my BlackBerry for business. I couldn't run my business without it and I couldn't respond to emails as quickly. This presentation has me worried a bit about the effects of technology."



Sheila Ziman, Haliburton – "I'm a techno peasant! I do have a cell phone, but I'll only turn it on in the case of an emergency. I have a portable phone at home, which I'll now check to see if it is the DECT model. I do like using portable phone because it allows me to walk around the house and chat while I'm cooking. If I didn't have it, I would just have to manage without that convenience!"

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Haliburton's Fleming Campus Arts Programming is Right On Track for Fall Start-Up

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Even though the economy is facing an uncertain future, enrolment for the fall school year at Haliburton's Fleming College campus is a bit higher than it was at this time last year.

That's what Sandra Dupret, Principal of the college, said earlier this month during the school's annual spring open house.

"We're pretty much on track. The numbers are up a little," said Dupret. "Many students are now starting to confirm that they've chosen to come here."

Dupret says that enrolment at community colleges is up across the province and adds that this is partly due to the downturn in the economy.

"College numbers are actually up across the board. When the economy is down people decide to go to school, plus there's a career initiative behind their decision," she said, adding that enrolment in summer programs increased the most. "We're up a few hundred students in summer school registrations."

Due to the popularity of a few of the programs, some applicants have been put on a wait list.

"There's a wait list for expressive arts, which starts in April. We're also wait-listed in the blacksmithing program that starts in September," she said.

At the Haliburton campus, there's a wide variety of programs to choose from, many of which are arts-related.

Dupret says that what makes many of the programs unique at the campus is the short time that students can complete them in.

"Part of it is in the way that they are delivered," said Dupret, while pointing out that the 15-week, intensive in-studio certificate programs are quite popular. "They can go to school full-time, and since they can complete their one year certificate in four months, they are able to return to the workforce more quickly."

The program that takes the longest to complete at the campus is the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD). When studied full-time, students can earn their diploma in as short a period as a year. They also have the option to pursue their diploma in a traditional format, which would see them likely completing the program within two years. As well, there is a longer part-time route that can see the students achieve a diploma in up to five years.

In studying to earn their VCAD, students can also choose a generalist approach which could include a variety of summer arts courses, or specialize in areas such as artist blacksmith, ceramics, drawing and painting, glassblowing and more.

Not only are the programs one-of-a-kind, but so is the campus that they are taught in. "Students appreciate the location of the campus and its setting," said Dupret.

The Haliburton campus was first opened in October of 2004 and was constructed with \$5.5 million grant from the province's SuperBuild fund and \$2.5 million in donations from businesses and individuals.

During the recent open house, prospective students and their families had the chance to speak with Dupret and other school staff, tour the campus grounds, observe current students in action, pick up informational pamphlets, and walk away with a free goodie bag filled with Fleming water bottles and other items. ■



Fleming College Re-evaluates Eco Tourism Course for Next Year

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Last fall Fleming College decided to re-evaluate their longstanding Eco-Tourism program for a possible re-design and assessment.

Declining enrolment numbers, fiscal pressures, and the economic downturn were all factors which prompted the re-evaluation. According to Haliburton Campus Principal Sandra Dupret, "despite the high quality of the program's content the redesign is needed to reflect the rapid changes and shifts within this fast-paced industry."

It also made for mixed emotions for Val Bishop, eco-tourism faculty member, at last week's end of year project celebration held the Haliburton Museum last Tuesday afternoon.

"I've worked with many classes over 15 years and this year is particularly bittersweet because there will be no intake of new students next year," said Bishop.

There is no guarantee that the program will be offered in 2010, although campus officials are confident a review of the program will be successful.

Bishop will be taking on new duties at either the Peterborough or Lindsay campus of Fleming College for 2009-10 semesters.

Bishop said that enrolment has been declining over the past several years, and this year's class saw a total of 10 students enrolled compared to a 15-year average of about 20 students.

"This is a very specialized area of study," said Bishop, who added that Eco-Tourism is a graduate program, and most of the students are coming to it from university or college programs. Many students are simply unable to pursue a course of graduate studies, preferring instead to seek employment.

Indeed, institutions are similarly challenged by economic trends, and programs - like Eco-Tourism - with smaller enrolments are the first to fall, as universities and colleges come face-to-face with their own fiscal demands.

"A number of colleges and universities have needed to look at those very specialized programs with smaller numbers and pull those back," said Bishop. "Fleming's made that commitment to pull back for 2009-10. But they'll have a look at it in 2010. Which is very positive"

Bishop said that the program has fostered a lot of interest and has graduated a large number of students over a decade-and-a-half of operations. She is optimistic that there is still a vibrant constituency of graduate students out there interested in accessing the Eco-Tourism curriculum.

"We've been in the community for 15 years, and it [the program] contributes on all kinds of levels, so we're hopeful that in 2010 we'll see a little bit of a turn around in terms of what the economy looks like and that there's an opportunity for these very specialized programs to re-emerge," said Bishop.

"I'm the only full time faculty member in this discipline, and I'll get moved to either Lindsay or Peterborough for the upcoming year," said Bishop.

"In the current economy, this very niche programming, you're going to see a lot of universities taking similar initiatives and we're seeing it already," said Bishop. "This happens, but I remain optimistic for 2010."

She says that the program has graduated a large number of students who have gone on to find very successful careers in all kinds of related enterprises. "There still remains a need in the industry for entry-level managers, which our program produced."

"The possibilities open to our graduates are really quite broad," said Bishop.

She added that the program has proven itself and is confident that new students will be back at the Haliburton Campus in the fall of 2010. ■

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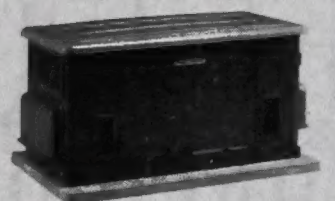
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Oral History and lessons learned from Haliburton pioneers

Five long time Highlands residents participate with some young students at Fleming College

“Oral history has democratized the study of the past by recording the experiences of people who have been hidden from history. (Robert Perks)

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Art Wall is chuckling, recalling his first property purchase in the Highlands. It was back in 1953. The property was located on the shores of Maple Lake. He was clearing brush from his own property when he met a man with a plan.

“A real estate developer came here (Maple Lake), and he developed what he called a hundred estates or something. And how he acquired the property I don’t know. He divided it into lots 150 feet wide and 250 feet long. There were 102 lots,” explained Wall. “At first he had trouble getting rid of them; or selling them, so he decided to put them up for auction. Since then ... the properties have really gone up astronomically around here.”

A ripple of laughter saunters through the audience at the Haliburton Museum. The 40 or so people, gathered for an entertaining video presentation of five separate oral recitations, look back at Art Wall, who is in the room watching himself on screen. He’s smiling. The audience is smiling. Heads are shaking.

It’s incongruous - in today’s context - to think back to a time when water frontage required the hard sell. It’s why oral histories are so important. They ground us, they give us perspective and ultimately they provide us with contextual tethers to our past. And they may even prompt a smile or two.

We don’t know what those lots finally sold for, but let’s just say that if 102 prime waterfront lots on Maple Lake came on the market today, the seller wouldn’t be losing any sleep over that decision to subdivide.

Art Wall’s video kicked off a series of five digitally mastered oral histories, a compendium of compelling three minute peeks into the lives of some Haliburton area pioneers, captured for posterity - and the Haliburton Museum archives - as part of a Fleming College Eco-Tourism class project.

Harkening compelling themes from some very compelling pioneers, the five teams of graduating students from Eco-Tourism, class of 2009, added some stirring bits of Haliburton’s colorful past to the Haliburton Museum archives last week.

Each team of two students was given the task of interviewing a Highlands pioneer as part of a year-end project investigating some gripping touchstones to a vibrant past.

Wall, Jean Gould Casey, Leopolda Dobrzensky Janet Adamson, and Howard Roberts - long time Highlands cottagers and residents - all agreed to be interviewed for the project. The five videos - digital video narratives - were presented as vignettes, short romps into Haliburton’s storied past.

Val Bishop, coordinator of the Eco-Tourism program, explained that the class project is unique, and undertaken in part to add to the Haliburton Museum’s growing collection of living history. (Bishop announced that there will be no Eco-Tourism class on the program list at Fleming College for 2009-10 - declining enrolment has forced a suspension of the program. It will be reassessed in 2010. See accompanying story in the Voice.)

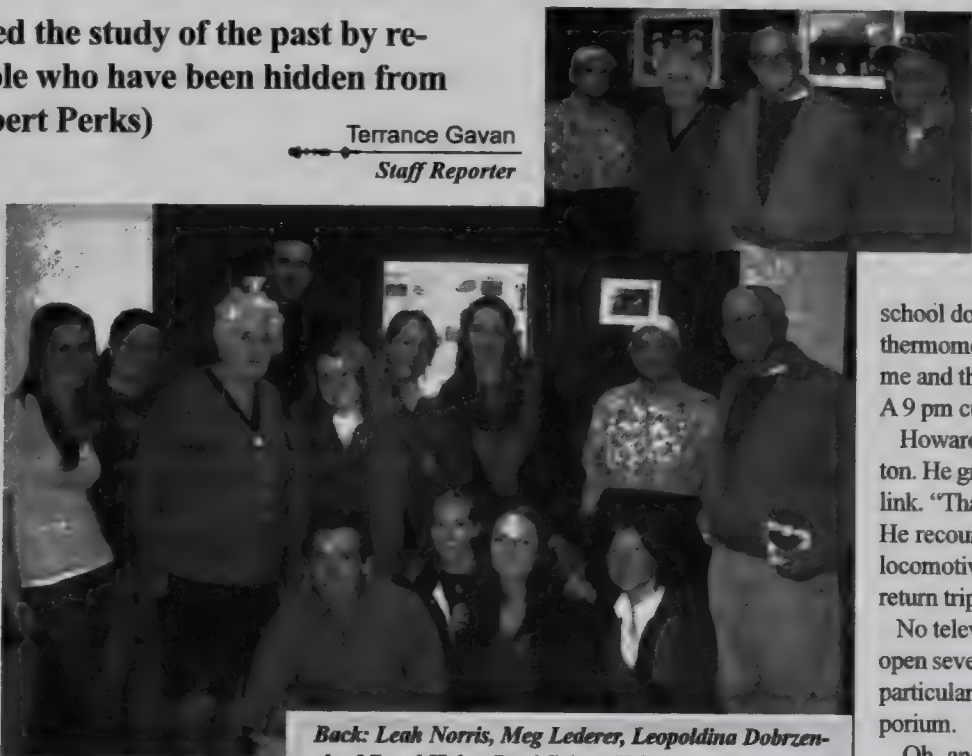
“I’ve watched years and years of classes go by and this is really an exemplary group of students,” said Bishop. “This was an idea, a course around planning programs, working with people to develop interesting programming. I wanted these students to have a chance to get right inside the community. Not always an easy thing. We also wanted to link story telling and the importance of retaining and holding on to those stories ... and provide that link and give it to Tom Ballantine (Haliburton Museum curator) here at the museum.”

Art Wall said after the presentation that he was extremely happy with the whole process and especially the finished product.

A navy veteran and a retired Toronto schoolteacher, he said all five videos brought him back to his past and his own roots here in Haliburton - specifically summer vacations spent organizing waterski excursions, diving contests and picnics for the kids. “I wasn’t quite sure how it would turn out, but I’m delighted, they did a great job,” said Wall.

Janet Adamson’s video centered around her life as the former owner of Camp Gay Venture. Adamson, along with her husband Brian, purchased Camp Gay Venture located on Lake Kashagawigamog in 1973. They owned the camp until it was sold in 2002. “When it first started we had to go by train to Haliburton,” says Adamson. She recalled how in the short space of a few decades the train disappeared, replaced by roads, cars and zooming property values on Lake Kashagawigamog.

The train was central to a lot of stories, and that seems odd today, considering that many of us have no comprehension at all about train travel and how trains - not that long ago - used to be a vital part of every person’s life here in the Highlands.



Back: Leah Norris, Meg Lederer, Leopoldina Dobrzensky, Miguel Hahn, Dani Spiros, Valerie Van Wassenaer, Julia Canning, Jean Casey, Howard Roberts. Front: Matt Ferguson, Meredith Wires, Leanne Edwards, Deanna Anthony.

Foursome Pictured above: Jean Casey, Leopoldina Dobrzensky, Howard Roberts, and Art Wall

Memories of old Haliburton, a one-room school and the train enlivened Jean Gould Casey’s retrospective.

“We grew up in the depression, with no electricity and no running water, but didn’t feel deprived,” said Casey in her video. “I attended a one room school on the Old Donald Road and sometimes we would catch the train to town.” She also recalls walking to school down the Old Donald Road in the dead of winter with the thermometer dipping to -53 Fahrenheit. “Sometimes it was just me and the teacher in the school,” laughed Casey.

A 9 pm curfew in Haliburton?

Howard Roberts said a lot of things have changed in Haliburton. He grew up trapping. He also fondly recalls the vital railroad link. “That train was a wonderful part of my life,” said Roberts. He recounts, in his video, making that trip to town to watch the locomotive go up on the turntable, and spinning around for that return trip back up the tracks.

No television back then but lots of dancing. “Dance halls were open seven nights a week,” chuckled Roberts, adding that he had particular and fond memories of the Golden Slipper dance emporium.

Oh, and a curfew. Roberts explained that back when he was growing up there was a strict 9 pm curfew in effect, enforced by mandatory identity cards, which kids registered for at the local post office when they turned 16. How’s that for perspective?

Leopolda Dobrzensky is a fixture in the Highlands. A lover of the arts, a writer and a historian, Dobrzensky was also the daughter of immigrants with ties to Czechoslovakia. She has vivid memories of an early foray into farming. In a ranch house with no hydro or running water. “All of our friends thought we

had lost our minds,” laughed Dobrzensky. She remembers Haliburton as a charitable place, friendly, outgoing and accepting of newcomers.

“It had not yet become the popular retirement community it is today. Haliburton Village was a small community quite tolerant of diverse nationality,” said Dobrzensky.

The stories were short but profound. They will be on display at the Haliburton Museum very shortly.

If you are at all enamored of local history, interesting tales, and an insight into pioneer spirit, it would be worth your while to make that trip to the Museum.

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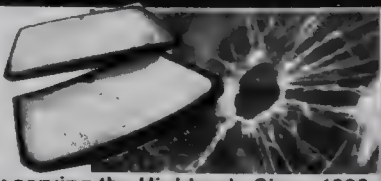
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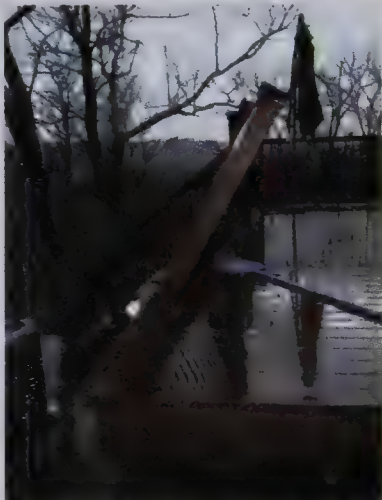


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Firefighters raced to Glamorgan Road where they tended to a grass fire set by fallen hydro lines.

At right, a toppled tree on Blairhampton Road came to rest on a power line.

In all, the storm created some damage, but fortunately, no one was injured.



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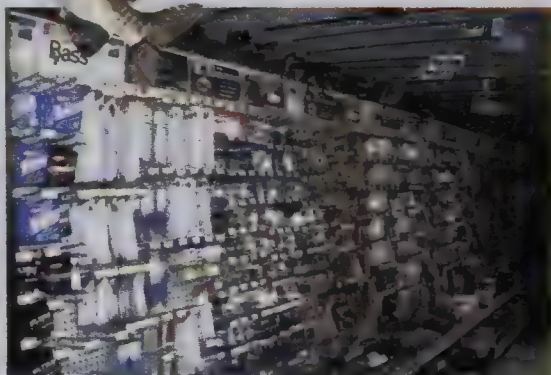


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Haliburton Firefighters responded to a hydro line down that caused a small blaze on the Blairhampton road - just minutes after the big storm sailed through. Hydro workers also attended the scene.



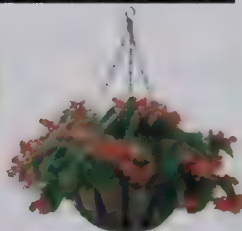
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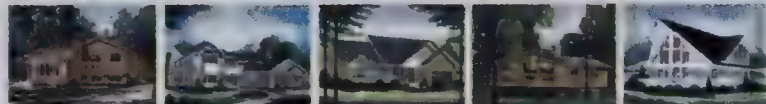
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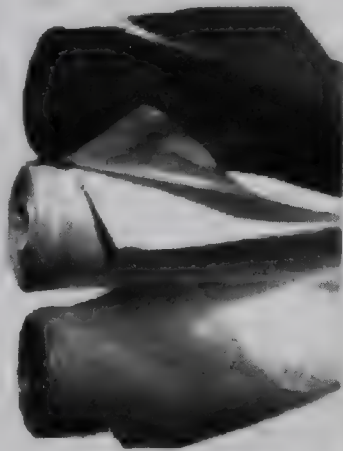
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Algonquin Highlands Says 'No' to Shrink Wrap

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Shrink wrap has become an increasingly popular method for marinas and boat owners to protect and store their boats during the off season. However, given the volume of material and the fact that it is often contaminated with other materials, accepting shrink wrap at the landfill sites has become more problematic over the years and the Algonquin Highlands Council has decided that, after this year,

they will no longer accept it at their landfill sites.

There are at least 10 businesses in Algonquin Highlands that offer boat storage services and while a number of them have instituted plans for pickup by recycling contractors, a considerable amount of shrink wrap is still taken to the landfill sites by marinas and private owners.

According to a report to Council by Waste Reduction Coordinator Gayle Short, last year the municipality was informed by their recycling contractor MCS (Muskoka Containerized Services out of Bracebridge) that they would no longer accept boat wrap due to contamination from rope, wood and other debris. MCS had been receiving boat wrap as long as it was folded and there was no associated debris.

Since that time the Township has continued to accept boat wrap and charging tipping fees to do so, but Short advised Council that with landfill space filling up quickly it is becoming increasingly important to divert the material if possible. Short and the Algonquin Highlands Manager of Operations Brian Whetstone both recommended no longer accepting shrink wrap after this year.

Whetstone advised Council that, as there was insufficient time for marinas to find alternative solutions, the ban should not take effect until 2010. He agreed with Councillor Diane Griffin's recommendation that the decision to no longer accept the material should be well advertised and that letters would be written to all of the marine operators.

Whetstone also recommended that the material should only be accepted at the Maple Lake landfill site and only until July 4th of this year. A tipping fee would continue to apply similar to that established for construction material. The restriction to disposal at the Maple Lake site met with considerable concern by Council given that it is a significant distance for many residents, particularly in Dorset to travel.

Council considered allowing the material to be taken to all of the landfills and for staff to see that it was set aside for transfer to Maple Lake. Accepting that it would take staff time and equipment to do so, Council reached an agreement and passed a resolution that the material would be accepted at all landfills as long as it was free and clear of debris and that tipping fees would apply. The material

will only be accepted until July 4th and will not be accepted at all in 2010.

The Ontario Marine Operators Association (OMOA) has been researching and sending information out to all of the marinas about contractors who will either pick up or receive shrink wrap for a variety of fees. At the present time there are 12 recycling contractors across Ontario who offer this service and they are listed on the OMOA website.

According to the website, in 2,000, virtually no shrink wrap was being recycled. By 2008 as much as 971,000 square feet of shrink wrap was recycled and kept out of municipal landfill sites.

In other municipalities in the County, Dysart led the way by starting to phase-in a ban on boat wrap from their landfills early in 2008. Until the ban came into effect, Dysart would only accept boat wrap at their Haliburton landfill site and a tipping fee applied. Commencing in 2009 businesses had to make their own arrangements.

Both Highlands East and Minden Hills continue to accept boat wrap. As there are no marinas in Highlands East, Environmental Supervisor Glen Covert in Highlands East said that the municipality continues to accept boat wrap. He said, "We don't get a lot of it and we don't like to take it so we will likely follow the same steps as the other municipalities in the County."

Bob Romberg, Environmental Manager in Minden Hills said that they were still accepting shrink wrap at the Scotch Line landfill site. He said that the material was disposed

of in the construction pile and then became part of the chipping process once a year. Romberg said that as long as it is bundled properly and it doesn't become an issue with the company that does the chipping, they will continue to accept boat wrap at the Scotch Line site. ■



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Students Go the Extra Mile for Cancer Fundraiser

Cops Ride through Haliburton County and Drop By Wilberforce and Cardiff Schools

Wilberforce Elementary School students certainly can be proud of themselves for their most recent accomplishment. They managed to surpass the funds they raised last year for cancer by more than 90 per cent.

On Monday, police officers from across the province rode to the school on their bicycles to congratulate the students for raising a total of \$1,742 in this year's Cops for Cancer fundraiser.

So how did the students raise so much more than they did last year?

Well, for one thing, they began collecting pledges back in March, whereas last year, notes were sent home with students shortly before the event asking that they bring in a loonie or toonie for the cause.

While at the school celebration, officers provided students with a bit of a lesson on why fundraising to help find cures for cancer is necessary. In the classroom, they had special guest Dawson Hamilton with them – a local nine-year old who has undergone a number of procedures in his fight against leukemia.

Once officers and students made their way outside into the school yard, it was time to shave some heads. Two of those who volunteered to lose their locks were moms Mandy Billings and Laura Fideau.

They two say they were inspired to get involved in the initiative after witnessing the success of last year's event and seeing the sense of accomplishment that students got from it.

"We challenged the students to raise a total of \$1,000," said Billings. "If they could do it we said that we would have our heads shaved."

The two moms also did their part in raising funds by going around to local businesses in the county. They managed to collect \$563, setting the grand total at \$2,305.

Before heading out to their next stop, at the Cardiff Elementary School, officers also hosted an ice cream eating contest, gave away prizes to the top fundraisers and did the "cha cha slide" dance with students.

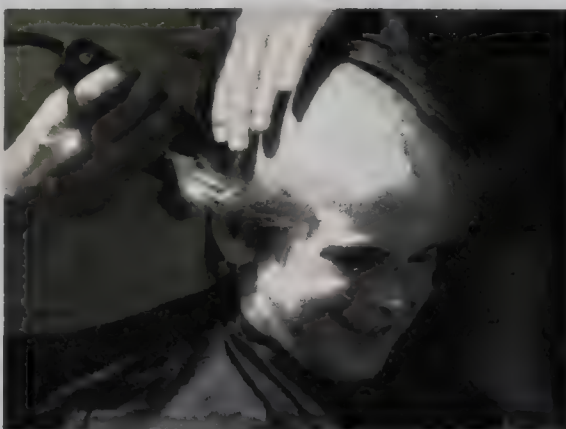
The top student fundraisers this year included: 1) Keisha Hughes - \$430. 2) Taylor Donaldson - \$420. 3) Hailey Carey - \$307.

At Cardiff Elementary School students managed to raise over \$200.

Since 1994, officers have been fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society through the Cops for Cancer initiative.

According to Marc Habgood, spokesperson for the group and OPP officer, this particular group, which has ridden through the county for the past five years, has helped to raised half-a-million dollars for cancer. He added that throughout the country, Cops for Cancer has raised \$32.8 million over the past 15 years.

For more information visit www.copsforcancer.ca.



Ethan Evans gets a shaving



Dawson Hamilton watches on



Constable John Townsend is dressed for the occasion



Laura Fideau gets buzzed



Tons of cops rode in



A showdown was part of the fun

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Students watch a video on the Cops for Cancer program



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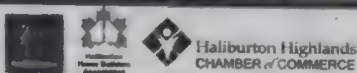
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Earth Day at R.D. Lawrence Place

Stephen Patrick

Editor

It's hard to think of a better place to celebrate Earth Day than at R.D. Lawrence Place (RDLP) in Minden, part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Last Wednesday a good crowd turned out despite cold temperatures and rain to do some clean up, hear from Sharon Lawrence in person about some new exhibits, and listen to a presentation by the World Wildlife Fund. And that was just for starters.

At noon members of Environment Haliburton (EH!) spent a messy hour or so collecting garbage from the ditches alongside the Bobcaygeon Road. They were joined by members of the various Minden Churches who did their part by cleaning up Newcastle Street,

among others.

R.D. Lawrence, one of the world's leading naturalist writers, was the author of many "wilderness" novels as well as more formal analyses and histories of the natural world. He spent the last 20 years or so of his life in the Haliburton Highlands. Upon his death his widow Sharon and a dedicated group of volunteers, municipal officials and local institutions created RDLP in Minden as a centre to honour his past, and to engage the present in the study, love, and preservation of nature. This Earth Day Sharon Lawrence led visitors through a revitalized series of exhibits highlighting three of Lawrence's best known novels, Paddy, The Ghost Walker, and the North Runner. All involved extensive travel, isolation, and adventure in the wilds of Ontario and British Columbia. The Ghost Walker is a wonderful tale of the author's interaction with a cougar in the Selkirk Mountains. Sharon has recently been in touch with the President of the Ontario Puma (Cougar) Foundation, Stuart Kenn, who, as it turns out, read his first R.D. Lawrence novel at the age of nine, and told Sharon that, "I'm doing what I'm doing now because of the writings of Ron Lawrence. And I know that Haliburton County

is a hot spot for cougar in Ontario. We have many monitoring devices throughout Haliburton, and there's no doubt there is a population there."

Sharon went on to say that many naturalists believe that the cougar, or puma, needs protection and support much as the wolf population

that her late husband fought for so many years to preserve. At a later date Mr. Kenn will be coming to RDLP for a day of cougar information and presentations.

In the late 1960s Lawrence wrote a highly influential and controversial book entitled *The Poison Makers*, which was decades ahead of its time in its warnings of the coming environmental and global warming crisis. He even drew a very early link between environmental degradation and cancer, for example. Later on Earth Day, excerpts from *The Poison Makers* were read.

Sharon Lawrence also highlighted her late husband's impressive "Green

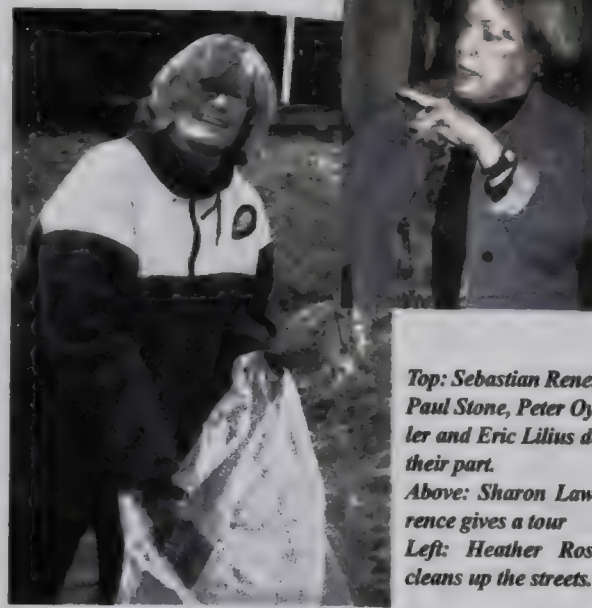
Legacy" that continues in many aspects of Haliburton life, particularly in the continuing operation of the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre, which he was instrumental in starting.

During the same afternoon, across the sidewalk at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Joanne Adair of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) addressed a group of environmental activists and others about the WWF's "GoodLife" program, an "online community for concerned Canadians who want to stop talking about climate change and start taking personal action to reduce their CO2 emissions." RDLP is one of just a few organizations to be accepted into this WWF pilot program that champions community environmental action. Ms. Adair commented on what she felt was an amazing number of environmental groups and concerned citizens Haliburton County could boast. For more information on the GoodLife program go to www.thegoodlife.wwf.ca

Finally, Minden's original hotelier/bartender/postmaster Daniel Buck made a surprise appearance to plant a tree at the Cultural Centre with Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, which launched the "150 Acts of Green" challenge to honour Minden's sesquicentennial. The goal is to gather a list online by the end of the year of 150 things the community is doing to go green. Already groups are calling in to sign up, said RDLP Coordinator



Top: Sebastian Renel, Paul Stone, Peter Oyler and Eric Lilius do their part.



Above: Sharon Lawrence gives a tour. Left: Heather Ross cleans up the streets.

Sheryl Loucks. "The first was the Brownie and Sparks, who did a clean-up of the ball diamonds."

To close the day, as the Out Loud Womyn's choir performed a concert in the gallery of music featuring music from the Earth Day charter. ■

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Who's on First?

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

County Council Refuses Support and Denies Jurisdiction Over Airport

Last week the County Council was faced with a number of questions about jurisdiction over the Stanhope Airport. Andrew Kuzyk, the owner of a property immediately adjacent to the airport and one that could be seriously affected by the airport expansion, failed to get any definitive answers to his questions as Council effectively dodged assuming any responsibility for or jurisdiction over the airport.

Kuzyk, a pilot who has been visiting the area for the last 37 years, developed an interest in flying at the Stanhope Airport and joined the Air Cadets to pursue his dream. When the opportunity to purchase the property on Green Lake Road from Algonquin Highlands came up in 2004, he said it was a unique opportunity that he had to take advantage of.

He acquired the 3.5 acre parcel of land including what he calls two century old derelict buildings and has been restoring the old brick farmhouse to its former glory ever since. Kuzyk has also built a hangar and a taxiway to connect to the airport runway and says he has spent a small fortune in improvements since he acquired the property.

Of primary concern to Kuzyk is the need by Algonquin Highlands to cut or top trees to facilitate the airport expansion on a property where he plans to run a Bed and Breakfast at some time in the future. Kuzyk is questioning jurisdiction over the airport and the Municipality's ability to enforce an easement agreement or expropriate his land if no agreement can be reached, enter onto his property which is actually located in Dysart et al and to cut and continue to maintain the tree levels from this time forward; convoluted from almost any perspective.

Kuzyk said he had finally been contacted two days prior by Algonquin Highlands, with a request to meet and discuss easement and a vegetation maintenance program.

As well as trying to determine who has actual jurisdiction and the final say over what could happen to his property, Kuzyk asked County Council point blank whether they supported the airport expansion and if they did not, how that would affect his property. He asked, if the County did support the expansion (assuming they had jurisdiction), whether they were willing to consider compromise proposals like a smaller crosswind runway or reorientation of the proposed runway.

He also wanted clarification on how activity on his property would affect its value and what the process would be to determine fair compensation, given its unique location. Finally, Kuzyk questioned who would actually be imposing the easement agreement or expropriation of portions of his property.

Kuzyk said it was a strange situation and that while being pro airport, what was being proposed would seriously restrict enjoyment of his land and the surrounding area. He also said that when he purchased the property from Algonquin Highlands he thought he had received the best mix of both worlds, but that was being taken away from him.

Kuzyk commented that since the original airport expansion plans came out the runway had been realigned, putting it much closer to his property. He said, "A 90 degree crosswind runway would have been perfect, but now at 4,000 feet with light jets, I'm not in support of the project."

Kuzyk questioned Algonquin Highlands' ability to enter onto lands in Dysart to undertake tree cutting. He asked and received a response from the Municipality indicating that it was their legal opinion that certain clauses of the Municipal Act did permit them to gain legal access to private property even outside of the municipality to maintain a safe and operable airport, if and when proper agreements could not be negotiated with the private land owners.

After a review of the appropriate legislation, Kuzyk's lawyer disagreed with this opinion, saying that it was actually the upper tier municipality (County Council) that had jurisdiction.

Seeking some compromise, Kuzyk said that a smaller crosswind runway, although it could be considered less affective and there would be no light jets, would suit him just fine. He also suggested that by reorienting the proposed runway it would become truly crosswind rather than what is presently being touted as crosswind.

"The existing runway is absolutely gorgeous for a general aviation pilot," he said. "Anyone who is a decent enough pilot should not have an issue with the airport as it exists."

Kuzyk then displayed a number of photos showing the impact that the new runway would have on his property.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey questioned Kuzyk's reference to light jets, saying that he thought the runway was restricted to recreational use. Kuzyk said, "With 4000 feet of runway you can land almost anything."

Fearrey said, "You have raised the question of whether or not we are in favour of the airport. We do not intend to interfere with the business of Algonquin Highlands." He said, "Your opinion is different from theirs. The reality is that it is not our jurisdiction,

but we may have to get a legal opinion as well."

Fearrey went on to say that the Council had received a staff report indicating that a number of years ago some commitment had made on the part of County Council to support the airport. He agreed that there was a commitment at the time, but that not much information had been brought forward since that time.

Fearrey also said Dysart was not in favour of supporting the airport and a resolution would be coming forward to that effect at the next meeting. He said, "The Council in Algonquin Highlands will be going forward with the knowledge that they do not have the support of the County."

"This is not about being against the airport. The position being put forward is that we will not be supporting the airport financially," said Fearrey.

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch commented that her municipality had been the first to openly say they were not willing to financially support the airport. "What they decide to do in Algonquin Highlands is their business, but it will not be supported by Minden Hills."

Warden Dave Burton also confirmed that Highlands East had passed a similar resolution.

Maintaining perfect composure in what could be considered the direct line of fire, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that Algonquin Highlands had not asked for financial support. She said, "There is a great deal of history associated with that piece of property." According to Harrison the property was first expropriated from a private estate in Dysart (something that was allowed at the time) to build the original grass strip runway and it had sat idle for years.

She said, "There was talk even then about a crosswind runway, but we realized that the house would not be affected. Rather than put it up for sale, we put out a request for proposals of interest. Mr. Kuzyk was aware of what was going on at that time. We received several proposals as we wanted to make sure that whatever was being proposed would fit in with our plans. The B&B plan fit and we changed the zoning. We also allowed him to develop the hanger and direct access to the (existing) runway with a taxiway."

Harrison went on to say that Algonquin Highlands was disappointed that Kuzyk had not fulfilled his development commitments and that he had known when he acquired the property that the airport would expand at some point.

Kuzyk responded that he had not given up on the B&B concept. He also said if the runway was truly crosswind, it would not affect his property. He said, "I have spent a lot of money getting the building retrofitted to accommodate a B & B and having the trees cut will have a detrimental effect on the business."

Fearrey said that he would like to get clarification from Municipal Affairs as well as an official legal opinion on the matter of jurisdiction. CAO Jim Wilson said that Municipal Affairs had

"The Council in Algonquin Highlands will be going forward with the knowledge that they do not have the support of the County." (Murray Fearrey)

advised that if it was a matter of expropriation or easements it was a local issue and if it was a matter of annexation in Dysart, the County would have to be involved. Wilson said, "I believe it to be a local responsibility." Wilson also advised that if there were questions about expropriation the Ontario Municipal Board could become involved.

Kuzyk said that he had been told by Municipal Affairs to get a lawyer. He said, "I'm surprised that Municipal Affairs could not give me a definitive answer on their own legislation." Interestingly enough, this was something that did not appear to surprise any of the Council members.

"So it has to be lawyer up and spend your money to find out what's what and that sucks," said Kuzyk, adding that Algonquin Highlands and the County had public money to support their legal battles.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said he didn't see the need for a fight. "We're not advocating expropriate or annexation. We want to negotiate and we hope that the County Council would not interfere with that process. I don't know why you would want to get a legal opinion."

Kuzyk said he was willing to contact the Algonquin Highlands CAO and Harrison and see what came of their discussions. He also said that he had tried to elicit information from Algonquin Highlands last year and had posed the same questions at the public meeting in Dorset, with no response. He said he was very disappointed that there wasn't more dialogue at that time.

Harrison admitted that Algonquin Highlands should have come to Kuzyk sooner, but that the municipality had no intention of proceeding without Building Canada funding. She also said they had been waiting for advice from other airports on how to handle easements and she did not see the rationale for spending money on legal opinions, if in the end the project did not proceed. She said that information about easements and how to establish them had been given to her Council at their last meeting and direction given on how to proceed.

Burton introduced a resolution that accepted Kuzyk's delegation as information, but said that in his opinion it did not answer any questions. Fearrey asked that confirmation on the matter of jurisdiction be requested in writing from Municipal Affairs, but Wilson said they were not willing to provide a written response.

After a bit more discussion it was agreed that the Council would wait to hear if the negotiations between Algonquin Highlands and Kuzyk were successful. If the matter could not be settled at that level, the County agreed to seek a legal opinion on their involvement.

Kuzyk was left with questions to the end, asking Council if Algonquin Highlands could actually expropriate Dysart lands, but there was no definitive answer available for him.

Stay tuned for the answer to our next question....What's on second? ■

A Hike in Support of Hospice Palliative Care

Honourary Chair Dr. Kristy Gammon Encourages Public to Participate in Fundraiser

If you've been driving around Haliburton lately, you probably have noticed signs all around advertising an event that is in support of a good cause. Though it may only be two days away from taking place, there's still time for you to sign-up and be a part of it.

It's the fifth annual Hike for Hospice hosted by SIRCH and it's all taking place at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) on Saturday, May 2.

Those who want to walk or run in the annual fundraiser for local hospice palliative care initiatives have been asked to collect pledges – either on their own or with a team – and come out for either a five kilometer journey along Haliburton's Head Lake Trail or a one kilometer walk around the school track.

This year's honorary chair of the hike is Dr. Kristy Gammon, a local physician with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and Medical Director of Hyland Crest. Since Gammon is actively involved with some of the hospice training that is provided by SIRCH, she was asked to be the hike spokesperson.

"I've been providing education to volunteers with SIRCH's hospice program," explained Gammon in an interview with The Voice.

In the Community Hospice program, Gammon walks volunteers through a course that teaches them what to expect when dealing with families who have a loved one facing the final stages of their life.

It's a program that lends much needed support to those with a life threatening illness and their families, and it's one that's funded large in part by events like the Hike for Hospice.

"I'm happy to support this program," said Gammon. "I think it's really important to raise awareness about what hospice is because I think that there are a lot of people who don't know much about it. Hospice programs are also in need of more funding. It costs money to run these programs and palliative care, in general, is underfunded in Canada."

Often times cancer comes to mind when people hear the term palliative, says Gammon. However, in reality, there's much more to it than that.

"Palliative care means helping to maintain a person's quality of life with any kind of illness for which there is no cure," she said. "When you look at it this way, a significant percentage of elderly people in our community are in one of these situations."

At last year's hike, \$10,000 was raised for hospice. This year's goal is to meet that amount.

Registration for the hike begins at 10 a.m. and the hike starts 10:45 a.m.

After the Hike participants, family and friends can enjoy a BBQ, draws, entertainment and awards for individuals and teams with the most amounts of pledges collected. All funds will remain in the community.

To obtain a pledge form go online to www.sirch.on.ca or call Sandre Daoust at 705 455-9421 for more information. ■



Wine, Words, Music and Art

Dorset Plays Host to a Festive Celebration of the Arts for the 6th Consecutive Year

Wine tasters, wordsmiths, musicians and gifted local artists were all under one roof last Saturday in Dorset during the 6th annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music & Art.

At the event hosted by the Dorset Recreation Committee, held in the Dorset Recreation Centre, art produced through various mediums by artists from all over the county and the Muskokas was put in the spotlight.

Not only were those in attendance able to browse the art that lined tables in the centre, they also were able to enjoy the sounds of singers and musicians, and hear stories told by spoken word performers.

"The goal of this event is to celebrate the arts and provide an outlet for local artists to presents themselves at," said Melissa Alfano, Recreations Coordinator.

When the celebratory event of art first started six years ago, it was held in a small meeting room and a large portion of attendees were the performers themselves.

But that isn't the case anymore. According to Alfano, close to 100 tickets were sold for this year's event.

Throughout the night, attendees were also able to sample wines provided by Moon Shadows Estate Winery of Haliburton and snack on hors d'oeuvres supplied by Robinson's General Store in Dorset. ■



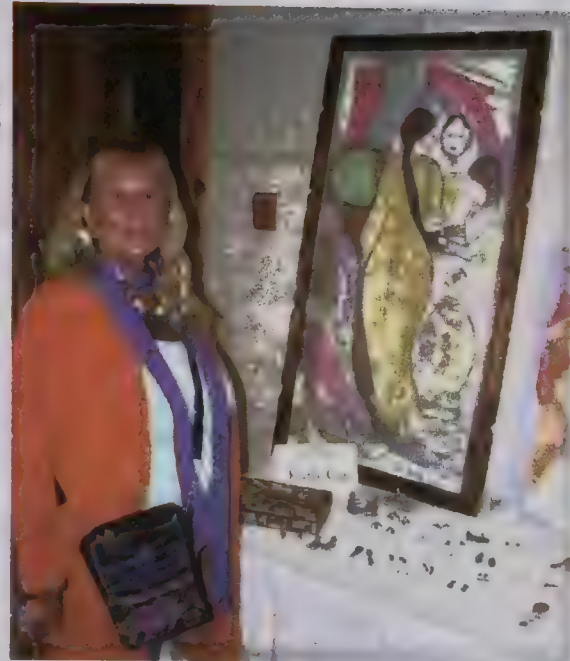
Eric Thompson offers samples from his Moon Shadows Estate Winery collection.



Singer Zoe Chilco



Award-winning Huntsville artist Linda McLean received a roaring round of applause.



Carnarvon artist Karly Cox with her collection of jewelry, paintings and mosaic glass works.



Dorset residents Judy Lilliman, left, and Liz Griffin, right, make a toast.



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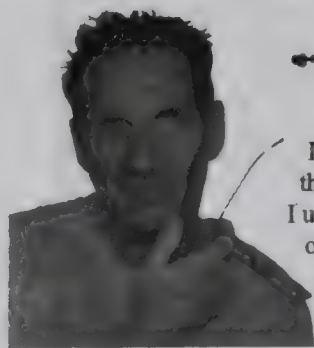
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Tortorella's water bottle antics grating, grinding groove on an old theme Playoff hockey devolving into nonsense



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

I have no idea what's going on in the NHL. I used to be able to watch the playoffs.

No longer.

At the end of every period, after every hit, and during most stoppages, leather is

flung, sticks flash, and cheap shots abound.

I'm watching ugly hits from behind, faces plunged into flanges and the flash of knee on knee.

The television pundits are adding to the miasma, squealing with delight, like little girls skipping double-dutch in a school playground.

"Wowwwwee ... This is why we love playoff hockey ... Holy Cow!"

Yeah.

Well, Bob, Pierre, Don and Ron ... you can have it. Take it all. I'm tired of the whole freakin' mess.

Thus far into the playoffs I watched Montreal place marginal gooney bird George Laraque on a first line with Saku Koivu.

I saw the same Laraque skate unhindered, and unencumbered by any thought of puck, from his own right wing, across center ice and straight to the left wing boards to place a blind side, cross check on an unsuspecting Boston player, who just happened to be facing the other way.

It took the lumbering Laraque a full four seconds to cover the distance, and he never took his eyes off his intended target for a split second.

Deliberate intent to injure. And in so doing, offering up a blatant disregard for another player's right to earn a living. Careers are ended by just such actions. All in the cause of "playoff hockey."

The fans love to join the freak show.

I watched rude Montreal fans boo a young goalie - Carey Price - into the la-la retrospective of free agency.

I watched as the Rangers' Sean Avery last weekend took a full semester of Anger Management 101 into the twisted neon of the Twilight Zone.

I watched Ranger coach John Tortorella bench Avery for the next game, for conduct unbecoming.

An angry Tortorella explained that he wouldn't abide such bla-

tant insubordination and selfishness with the Rangers up 3-1 in a pivotal series against the heavily favored Washington Capitals.

Then I looked on haplessly, hopelessly and haphazardly as Tortorella reverted to infantile form, taking on a phalanx of Washington fans behind the Rangers bench, brandishing a stick, and chucking a water bottle into the stands, for the presumed high crime of disparaging his Armani suit with stale beer.

Here's what you do John. You suck it up and you bill the Caps management for the dry cleaning.

You do not launch an assault into the stands.

The water bottle hit a lady, who was not among the offending junket of unruly fans.

Collateral damage from an unfriendly partisan.

The debacle earned Tortorella a suspension for the next game against Washington.

Next came a rhetorical assault launched by the punditry, all wading in with their various takes on Tortorella's suspension.

Some said that the league should have let Tortorella off.

This being the playoffs and all.

Like the playoffs are subject to a whole different set of rules and parameters.

Shame on Sports Illustrated's Michael Farber and his ilk of conspiracy theorists, who maintain that the NHL ironclad rule against fan interaction should be set aside just because this is "the playoffs."

The only good to come from all of this?

Sean Avery was scratched by Tortorella for Game Five after a rash of penalties, and the Rangers lost, 4-0.

Tortorella was suspended for Game Six for actions in Game Five and they lost that game too.

Nice. Because NHL fandom would much rather watch an Alex Ovechkin than a dipstick diva.

The Rangers squandered a 3-1 series lead and were forced to go back to Washington for a game seven.

The pundits waded in with the 'I' word.

The 'I' in the case referring to irony and Tortorella's "do what I say and not what I do" melt down.

More irony ensued with the replacement of Tortorella and installation of Rangers' assistant coach Jim Schoenfeld, who happens to be the last NHL coach suspended for a game during the NHL Playoffs.

Schoenfeld earned his temporary ban in the 1988 postseason

when he shoved referee Don Koharski and then called him a "fat pig."

He shouted all the way down the corridor to Koharski: "Have another doughnut! Have another doughnut!"

You can see it on YouTube if you're so inclined.

Google: "Koharski/1988 and Tim Hortons."

Schoenfeld, before assuming the reins in Game Six, elicited some laughs when he told the popinjays of pundit that while credited with pulling Tortorella down from the glass, he was actually trying to help him over the glass and into the stands.

This to presumably alleviate some of the pressure on his boss.

It would be hilarious; if it didn't have the hollow ring of truth.

Other playoffs have been

plagued by this same disregard for ethic on ice.

The Habs and Bruins series devolved at times to an out and out street brawl.

Last Sunday in New York, the Caps Donald Brashear tried to pick a fight with Rangers enforcer Colton Orr during pre-game warm-ups.

Later Brashear took a haphazard run at penalty-killer Blair Betts with a cheap hit that sent Betts to the locker room in the first period.

Betts suffered a broken orbital bone and is done for the rest of the playoffs, even if the Rangers move on.

This could have been avoided if the Refs had done due diligence and ejected Brashear for the pre game transgression.

The problem I'm having is not with the clean hits, the hard play.

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You know, the clean hits that were once the hallmark of NHL playoff hockey.

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Rugby thriving in Haliburton

... senior varsity play home opener next Tuesday

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

The ebb and flow of enrolment numbers dictates rugby fortunes at Hal High.

Last year the Red Hawks couldn't field a senior varsity squad for the spring rugby season.

Junior numbers and interest was high enough though to field a competitive junior squad in 2008, and that positive experience with the grand old game sparked a large turnout of senior varsity players this year.

Last year, the junior players had to learn the game in the heat of regular season action. A large number of junior football players came to the game as rank beginners, but they finished the season with an enhanced knowledge of some of the finer points of the game.

It's not a game that North Americans grow up with and there's precious little rugby televised on TSN. So the learning curve is huge.

"They learned on the fly," says Kevin Ray, one of several Hal High coaches standing on the sidelines this year with the Red Hawk senior rugby squad.

Well over 40 players showed up for the first practice as senior rugby tryouts kicked off in the Hal High gym this season. The pitch was in no shape for play when the Red Hawks began training. This week marked the first time this spring that the Hawks could use the whole field for workouts.

About 35 players are still practicing, prepping for the start of the senior varsity season this week. "We don't cut anyone," says Ray. The numbers are long, but that's a good thing, according to Ray.

Last Wednesday the Red Hawks traveled to Norwood for a pre-season tourney. One team was a no-show and the Hal High coaching staff asked if they could split their squad into A and B teams, just to round out the tournament numbers.

The tourney organizers gave them the green light and that was a boon for this young team, who Ray says benefited from that crucial playing time.

"We've got a good young team this year, that extra playing time was really good for a lot of the guys," smiled Ray.

The Red Hawk first team - made up of a lot of the

planned starters - lost in the B final to Kenner Collegiate. And Hal High's second team won the C-side final.

This year's senior varsity rugby club hinges upon a large and active base of grade eleven student athletes. All this happening midst a huge



rejuvenation of interest in the Kawartha senior high school AA rugby ranks.

Ray and the rest of the coaching staff will be relying on the steady presence of Cody Donaldson, a veteran and leader on this young squad.

Brock Brown, a standout running back with the Red Hawk senior football squad last fall, will also contribute to the mix of young and old, but right now Brown is struggling with a case of tendonitis, so his status will be closely monitored as this rugby season kicks into high gear this week.

In another ongoing and seemingly never-ending controversy, Bancroft transfer Justin Bain, who appealed to OFSAA for a dispensation to play rugby for Haliburton after transferring here from Bancroft's North Hastings High, has been turned down.

Bain was supposed to be a pillar of the senior rugby quad this season. His disqualification, based on transfer eligibility, was a disappointment both on a personal and team level said Ray.

You may recall a similar controversy erupted at the end of the high school football season last fall when another two North Hastings transfer players were ruled ineligible by OFSAA's board of appeals.

"We really thought that he was going to be cleared to

play, but we just found out that he will not be eligible," said Ray.

The logic behind such exuberance wielded by the bureaucratic machine is at times unfathomable. And because of the ruling, Bain will be forced to sit out the rugby season, another student athlete denied the right to play by the grinding wheels of OFSAA, a labyrinthine and seemingly complex group defined by a strict and myopic dedication to pedantry.

In a school district where numbers threaten to a large degree the very fielding of a sports team, why can't the bureaucrats over to the OFSAA step down from their high horse, pony up, take a peek into the real world, and let the kids play?

Just let the kids play.

We sometimes forget, in our striving to get things right, just how wrong we can be.

It's not a difficult concept. I'm assuming that most of the people making the decisions at the OFSAA have a college degree, and a modicum of common sense. What's wrong with taking some time to assess every case on its merit? Look at the appeals. Speak to the athlete, the principals, and the parents involved. We're not talking about an egregious violation of fair play and there's no poaching extant. There's nothing nefarious going on here. A kid wants to play some rugby. He wants to become involved in a sport.

He just wants to play rugby for god's sake.

The honchos over at the OFSAA might want to take a look at their mission statement: "To advocate and enhance education through school sport."

Take a step outside your crowded little cookie cutter box, and judge a case on merit and not on precedent for a change.

Be a Luddite, chuck a hammer to the cause of high school sports and participation. Failing that, read your bylaws, and

pop a quick quixotic gander at that mission statement - just for spits and giggles.

Apparently no appeal will be forthcoming because the OFSAA is wont to incur - like the Pope - the trenchant stamp of infallibility on such matters. So Justin Bain will have to watch his classmates from the sidelines this spring.

Meanwhile, in spite of the OFSAA's nonchalant petulance and penchant for crushing hope and dreams, high school rugby is flourishing in the Kawarthas and indeed all across Ontario.

The Kawartha District Rugby league is divided into two sections this season. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be competing in a group of six teams from Lindsay and Peterborough.

The Red Hawks opened their season on the Trent University pitch on Tuesday of this week and they play their home opener versus right here on the Haliburton High pitch next Tuesday afternoon (May

Over 35 players still
locked into senior rugby

5) at 3 pm.

Ray says that there's a large learning curve involved with the game. One thing that Haliburton does well is pursue and tackle, lessons learned from the fall football season.

It's the nuance of offense

that must be learned in the course of a short season.

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Matthew Duchene's heroics turns the trick against Belleville

Best in the east Battalion battling best in the west

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

We know where it started, but where will it end?

It began way back in October when an anemic Brampton Battalion hockey club was struggling with chemistry and a lack of pop.

The worm turned, however, when Brampton Battalion captain Cody Hodgson returned from Vancouver Canucks training camp.

Back to join a team that was a dim sepia blip on the OHL radar.

The Battalion, a very good team, packed with pre-season promise.

But, in October, a team fraught with frustration.

Hodgson returned from Vancouver, shook off the still murmuring disappointment of a late cut from an NHL dream, reintroduced himself to his Brampton Battalion teammates, and along with his summer training partner Matthew Duchene, began the burly business of bumping the Battalion back to contention.

A long run to destiny, culminating with exotic exuberance last week.

The second to last chapter in the Battalion's 2008-09 record-setting novella clunked and clattered to climax last Friday in Brampton, when Haliburton's poster child for wicked, wily, sniping, Duchene, popped three goals, including the game winner in a 7-4 series-clinching (and Eastern Conference championship) victory over the Belleville Bulls.

The Battalion won a hard fought series 4-2 and advanced to the OHL championship series - which got underway on Wednesday (April 29) in Windsor. (Hodgson had an assist in a 3-2 double overtime loss on Thursday, April 23.)

Duchene, a Haliburton native, scored a playoff club-record 13 goals - to go with 10 assists for 23 points - in 16 playoff games. He leads the OHL with a club-record five game-winning goals this postseason.

Hodgson, who like Duchene, got his start playing minor hockey here in Haliburton, scored two goals and added an assist in the final win over the Belleville Bulls, who finished first in the eastern conference standings just two points ahead of Brampton.

Hodgson, the Highlands cottager, sits atop the OHL playoff-scoring brigade. Hodgson has 9 goals and 18 assists (27 points) in 16 games. Hodgson is tied with Windsor's Ryan Ellis (with 8 goals and 19 assists) and Taylor Hall (11 goals and 16 assists) for the points lead in the OHL playoffs. Ellis and Hall have their 27 points in 15 games. Ellis is the OHL's Defenseman of the Year.

Stats seldom tell the whole story - for reference see the sliding fortunes of one John Tavares, whose Knightly shield was tarnished by a less than stellar western conference playoff against the Spitfires. Now Duchene is mucking up the waters as NHL GMs from New York, Tampa Bay and Colorado - top three picks respectively in the entry draft - must retool, rethink, and reload between Svelte Swede blueliner Victor Hedman, Tavares and Duchene.

That's another story. Right now, only two OHL teams are still tinkering, priming with timing for a trip to Rimouski and the Memorial Cup.

The top seven point getters heading into this prepossessing best of seven OHL championship all come from the twin combatants. Windsor's Dale Mitchell and Andrei Loktionov have 26 and 24 points respectively. Hodgson's linemate Evgeny Grachev (OHL Rookie of the Year) is tied for third with 11 goals and 13 assists. Meanwhile, mellow marksman Duchene has 13 goals to lead all goal getters in the playoffs.

His three goals, in the final game against Belleville Bulls, came on the heels of that very ominous twin overtime loss last Thursday in Belleville.

Brampton was in Belleville, up 3-1 in the series, and looking to close it out against the Bulls.

The Battalion out-shot the Bulls 56-37, but came up against scalding-hot crease buff Mike Murphy, a sterile presence between the Bulls pipes.

The Thursday tilt ended on a Belleville power play late in the second overtime period.

In the box?

A very disenchanted Matthew Duchene who was called for tripping at 17:24 of the second overtime period.

The Bulls' Nick Palmieri scored 1:20 into the power play to give the host Bulls a 3-2 victory. It sent the series back to Brampton on Saturday. Matt Duchene was disappointed after the game on Friday night.

"I had missed two really good chances in the overtimes and I felt really bad about that, especially after watching them win it while I was sitting in the penalty box," said Duchene courtesy of battalion.com last Sunday. He could have let that bother him. He could have let it grind away at his sensibilities.

But of course Matthew Duchene did neither. He went out on Friday night and let his talent talk. As he has done all season.

He scored three goals. He scored the game winner. He tied the game in the third after the Battalion had given up a 2-0 second period lead to fall behind 3-2 going into the final frame.

He displayed a mucker's moxy, and an indomitable will, which has pushed him into a catbird seat in the June NHL entry draft



rankings.

The scouts like the eye of the tiger, the sniper's touch, the finish, and the wheels.

But, snipers come and marksmen go. Without the requisite mindset, talented goal-getters mostly fold into obscurity, intimidated by the milieu or the pressure of the show.

So the NHL scouts like Duchene's Midas touch, but mostly, they love the attitude.

And that innate ability to rebound from adversity. What Duchene accomplished last Friday goes well beyond some mystical ability to plop puck into twine. It goes to maturity.

He took Thursday's loss on. Personally. He placed the loss on his own shoulders, and he made some amends where it counts. On the ice.

Duchene summed it up tersely after Friday's conference-clinching win.

"I wasn't expecting anything like this," said Duchene. "Sometimes you have games like this where things open up and you're in the right place at the right time."

He placed credit on the doorstep of his teammates.

But he said that the squandering of a 2-0 second period lead got the juices going.

"We were mad at ourselves. We really just quieted down and got refocused. That big third period was exactly what we wanted," said Duchene. Duchene tied the game on the power play at 2:03 of the third, postdating a shot over the fallen Murphy, who was sprawled helpless in the Bulls crease.

"I was going to make sure that shot went through the net if I had to," said Duchene. "I just put my head down and shot it as hard as I could."

No magic extant. No eye of the tiger. No sweet science. No well-defined plan.

Just pure Matt Duchene, and an overwhelming desire to hang it all out there; on the line. ■



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Haliburton girding for some OHL excitement Windsor favoured over Haliburton's battalion

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

It dwindles to two.

Brampton Battalion, led by the Highlanders, Matthew Duchene, and Cody Hodgson, versus the Windsor Spitfires.

Do the math, rely on the numbers, bank on the beans, and this one is a no brainer.

The Windsor Spitfires have been ranked number one in the OHL all season long.

For good reason.

They outran all competition in the regular season.

They boast a 57-10-0-1 record, for an OHL best 115 points.

By comparison, the Brampton Battalion, crowned eastern conference champions on the basis of a 4-2 best of seven series win over Belleville Bulls last Friday night, have a 47-17-1-1 record and 96 points over their season.

The Battalion played Windsor twice in the regular season, losing both tilts.

On October 9 they dropped a close road encounter 5-3 after leading 3-2 at the end of two periods.

Windsor took the second game 6-3 on January 4. Windsor's big centreman Greg Nemisz picked up two goals and an assist and was the game's first star. Windsor didn't have Ryan Ellis (voted the OHL's Best Defenceman for 2008-09) and Brampton was without Cody Hodgson and Evgeny Grachev because of world junior commitments.

Matthew Duchene, the younger of the Battalion's prepossessing Haliburton Highlands' connection was still nursing a shoulder injury, which kept him out of the 2009 International Junior Tournament.

On January 9th the Battalion popped a corner piece of the jigsaw puzzle in place when they acquired US junior national goaltender Thomas McCollum from the Guelph Storm.

Still and all, the bookies would place the odds firmly in favor of the Spitfires in this OHL Championship best of seven, final series.

But an intangible factor remains: playoffs are not the regular season. Phone your bookie. He'll be the first to tell you.

All bets are off.

A few little sideline parlays are brewing in this tilt between the Spitfires and the Battalion.

Haliburton cottager Hodgson, tenth pick overall by the Vancouver Canucks in last year's draft, and a late Canucks cut last fall, may be lined up against Spitfires center Eric Wellwood.

Interesting, because Eric is the younger brother of Vancouver center Kyle Wellwood, destined to be Hodgson's teammate next season.

"My brother is the opposite of me," Kyle said recently, when asked about that possible match-up by a CP reporter. "He's fast, long-legged, and more like (teammate) Ryan Kesler. I'm not sure if he'll get matched up against Hodgson. It wouldn't surprise me."

The Hodgson line, with Grachev and Anthony Peluso, have been superb to this point in the playoffs. The line of Duchene, Matt Kang and Scott Tanski, can't be called a second line. In reality, the Battalion have two first lines, both threesomes capable of placing a lot of rubber onto stacked pads and into thick twine.

The other interesting ingredient in this series will be how Duchene handles the pressure cooker of an OHL final series.

Two backdrops slide into bas relief for Duchene. His uncle Newell Brown, an Anaheim Ducks assistant, won a Memorial Cup (emblematic of Canadian junior hockey supremacy) in 1978-79 playing with Dale Hawerchuk and the Cornwall Royals.

It's no secret that Duchene harbors aspirations of following in his uncle's footsteps. And Rimouski - site of this year's memorial Cup - is now just four wins away.

This is also Duchene's draft eligible year. He is currently embroiled in the three way discussion - with London Knights John Tavares and Swedish defenseman Victor Hedman - regarding who will be first in the June 26th NHL selection ceremony.

Tavares's stock dropped considerably in the playoffs. Some scouts think he was lackluster in the Knights' run which ended with a 4-1 ouster in the western conference finals to the Spitfires. As Tavares's stock dropped, Duchene's soared, mostly due to his OHL playoff leading 13 goals, including a three goal output in the final series clinching win over the Belleville Bulls.

Can Duchene step up into a void left by Tavares?

One thing is certain. The draft lottery be on some scout's minds and it may be on Islanders GM Garth Snow's Twittering BlackBerry, but it will not be rolling around the rapid firing synapses and recesses of Duchene's noggin.

Throughout the season, both Hodgson and Duchene have shown that they know how to sweep distractions to the door.

Stan Butler is understandably elated about his team's first historic trip to the OHL Finals.

He's expecting a great series.

He is aware about just how important his two mainframe centers are to the overall mix.

"This team has a lot of character, and they've (the team) worked really hard to achieve this. Matt got that first goal to get us going, and the guys kept it going from there," said Butler via battalion.com. "Guys like Matt, Cody and Grachev really stepped up their game in the third period."

After wrapping up the Eastern Conference title in six games Friday, Butler gave his players two days off and they were back at practice on Monday. The Spitfires practiced for a second straight day on Sunday.

"Would we like more preparation time for Windsor?" Butler said, in a CTV Sportsnet report. "Yeah, but we have to get some rest."

"I think it should be a really good series," he said.

The OHL championship series started last night and continues this weekend.

The schedule continues with games on: Wednesday, April 29, at Windsor 7:05 pm.; Friday, May 1, at Brampton 7:30 pm.; Monday, May 4, at Windsor 7:05 pm.; Wednesday, May 6, at Brampton 7 pm.; Friday, May 8, at Windsor 7:05 pm.; Saturday, May 9, at Brampton 7:30 pm.; Monday, May 11, at Windsor 7:05 pm. ■

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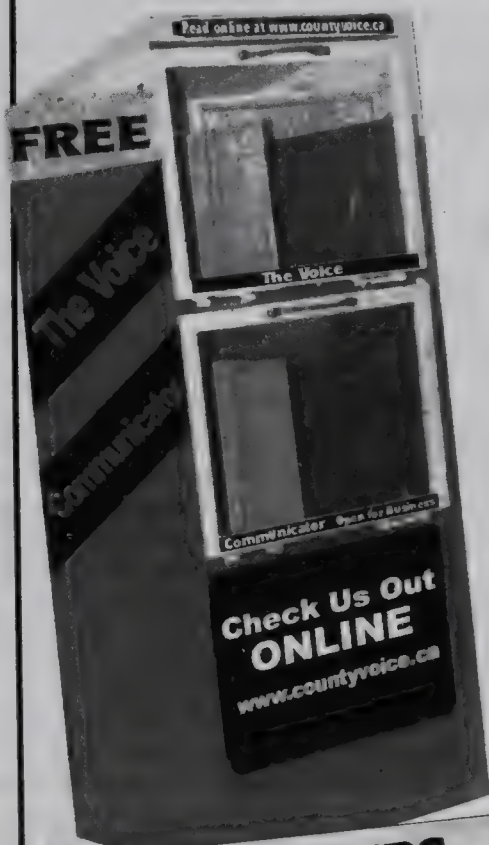
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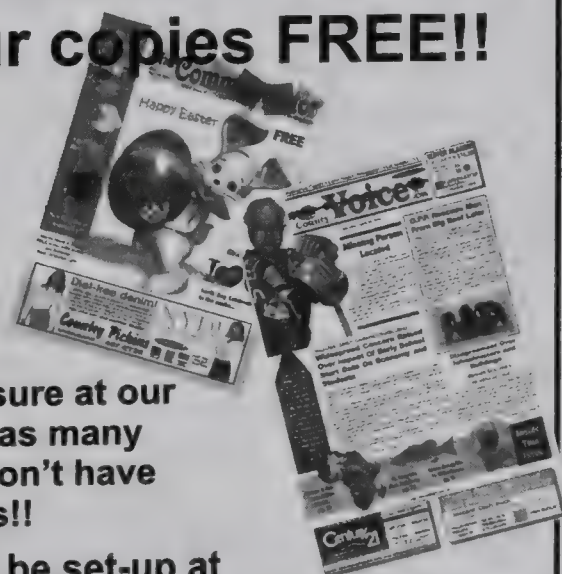
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Should I send an anonymous note, let the office manager deal with it or let it go? I'm ashamed to admit it, but I can't wait to hear the next installment of "My Daughter Is Too Incompetent to Handle Her Own Life." -- HOOKED ON THE DRAMA

DEAR HOOKED: How well do you know your co-worker? If you're at all friendly, do her a favor and tell her the phone calls have become a topic of conversation in the office. If you are not close and the calls keep you from getting your work done, then say something to the office manager because what the woman is doing is unprofessional.

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8. A form of algebra developed by English mathematician George Boole.
Answer _____

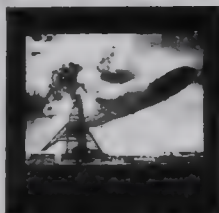
9. The name for the celestial body of interstellar gas and dust where stars are sometimes born.
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Lodge. 2. Oyster (clam). 3. Abacus. 4. Blue moon. 5. Atoll. 6. Five. 7. Aerosol. 8. Boolean algebra. 9. Nebula.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On May 4, 1965, San Francisco Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's National League record. Mays would finish his career with 660 home runs, good for third on the all-time list at the time of his retirement.

On May 5, 1995, the Dallas area is hit by a severe hailstorm that causes many serious injuries. It was the worst recorded hailstorm to hit the United States in the 20th century. The Texas storm came on suddenly, and many people had not yet sought shelter when tennis-ball-sized hail began to fall.

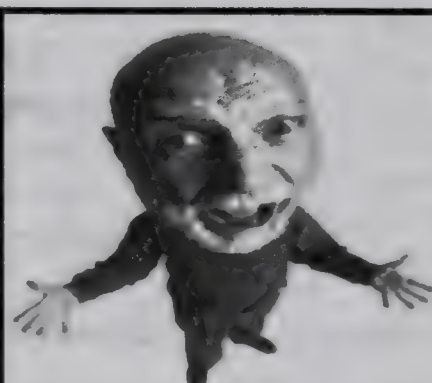
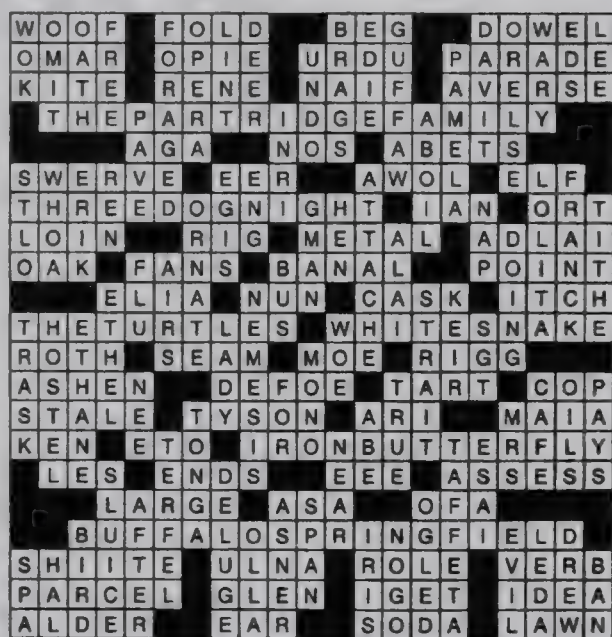
On May 6, 1940, John Steinbeck is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his novel "The Grapes of Wrath." The book traces the fictional Joad family of Oklahoma as they lose the family farm and move to California in search of a better life.

On May 7, 1915, the British ocean liner Lusitania is torpedoed without warning by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, with 1,198 people drowned. It was later revealed that the Lusitania was carrying about 173 tons of war munitions for Britain, which the Germans cited as justification for the attack.

On May 8, 1984, the Soviet government announces a boycott of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games to be held in Los Angeles. Although the Soviets cited security concerns, the boycott was more likely due to America's generous aid to Muslim rebels fighting in Afghanistan.

On May 9, 1671, in London, Irish adventurer "Captain" Thomas Blood is captured attempting to steal the Crown Jewels in retaliation after being deprived of his Ireland estates. King Charles was so impressed with Blood's audacity that he restored his estates in Ireland and made him a member of his court with an annual pension.

On May 10, 1869, the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet and are connected in Promontory, Utah. This made transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history. Journeys that had taken months by wagon train or weeks by boat now took only days.



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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a dedicated romantic who seeks both excitement and stability in your relationships.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be tempted to be more assertive when dealing with a job-related matter. But a carefully measured approach works best at getting the cooperation you're looking for.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While others urge you to act now, you instinctively recognize that a move at this time is not in your best interests. You should know when to do so by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A busy schedule keeps you on the move for much of the week. But things ease up by the time the weekend arrives, allowing you to reconnect with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Travel dominates the week, and despite some delays in getting to where you want to go, the overall experience should prove to be a positive one in many ways.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine self-confidence comes roaring back after a brief period of doubt and helps you get through a week of demanding challenges and ultimately emerge triumphant.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Virgos who have made a major commitment — personal or professional — should be able to tap into a renewed reservoir of self-confidence to help them follow through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could soon receive news from a surprising source that could cause you to change your mind about how you had planned to deal with an ongoing job-related problem.

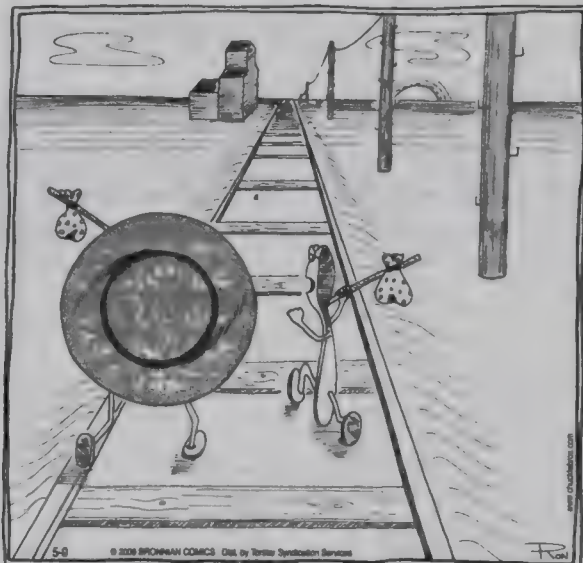
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A surprise move of support from a colleague who has never been part of your circle of admirers helps influence others to take a new look at what you've put on the table.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While a bold decision to take an "I know what I'm doing" approach impresses some colleagues, it also raises the risk of causing resentment among others.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A misunderstanding 'twixt you and a friend might not be your fault at all, despite what he or she suggests. Talk it out to see at what point the confusion might have started.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting into a community operation fulfills the Aquarian's need to help people. It also can lead to new contacts that might one day help you with a project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A minor problem could delay the start of a long-anticipated trip for two. Use the time to recheck your travel plans. You might find a better way to get where you're going.



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18 Portrait painter John

19 Pakistani language

20 Flaunt

21 Small hawk

22 Descartes or Levesque

23 Trusting sort

24 Loath

25 "I Think I Love You" group

29 Khan opener?

30 Figs.

31 Fosters a felon

32 Avoid an accident

36 Poetic contraction

38 Way off base?

39 Pixie

42 "Joy to the World" group

46 Swimmer Thorpe

48 Supper scrap

50 Meat cut

51 Fix a flight

52 Mercury, for one

54 Dwight's competition

56 Acom, eventually

57 Enthusiasts

59 Trite

60 "— Break" ('91 film)

61 Director Kazan

62 Sister

63 Amontillado container

66 Yen

67 "Happy Together" group

71 "Here I Go Again" group

73 Actress Lillian

74 Line of clothing?

75 "The Simpsons" bartender

76 "The Avengers" star

77 Wan

79 "Moll Flanders" author

81 Sour

82 Toody or Muldoon

85 Musty

86 "Iron Mike"

87 Onassis' nickname

88 Hermes' mom

89 Russell or Wahl

90 WWII area

92 "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" group

96 Rocker Claypool

98 They may be split

100 Shoe width

101 Evaluate

102 Sweatshirt size

104 Botanist Gray

106 "Birds — feather ..."

107 "For What It's Worth" group

114 Imam's subject

116 Skeleton part

117 Cordelia or Edith

118 Sink or swim?

120 Bundle

121 Valley

122 "— Around" ('64 hit)

123 Notion

124 Cabinet wood

125 Canal zone?

126 Word with biscuit or jerk

127 Suburban obsession

DOWN

1 Hunan pan

2 Skip

3 Inauguration Day event

4 Liberate

5 Scrounged around

6 Beethoven wrote one

7 Navel store?

8 Mailer's "The — Park"

9 Betters oneself, in a way

10 Falco of "The Sopranos"

11 Loud laugh

12 Cargo crane

13 Threat words

14 Guarded

15 Mag. bigwigs

16 Golfer Trevino

19 Reverse

20 Richardson novel

26 Macadamize

27 Cross

28 Inscription or

32 Normandy site

33 "Hold your horses!"

34 Palladino of "ER"

35 Stimp's pal

36 Protection

37 Chang's sib

38 Lawyer's case?

40 '62 Kubrick film

41 Composer Cesar

43 Rococo

44 Fed

45 Party animal?

47 Doze

49 Church offering

53 Jai —

55 "Nothing —!"

57 Winter malady

58 Pretension

59 Kramden's vehicle

61 One of the Barrymores

62 Downfall

64 Channel

65 Actor Dullea

67 Country singer Diana

68 Inn

69 Petroleum component

70 Chatterley or Windermere

71 "— is mel"

72 Bilko's rank; abbr.

75 Non-stereo

78 Born

80 In place of

81 Real

82 Java joint

83 Art medium

84 Actress Amanda

86 Friendly Islands

87 Novelist Kobo

88 "—"

89 Doubtfire" ('93 film)

91 Bass-baritone Bryn

93 Imminent

94 Lustrous fabric

95 Morales of "La Bamba"

97 Channel

99 Genesis disaster

103 Out to get

104 Ed of "Rosie O'Neil"

105 Extend across

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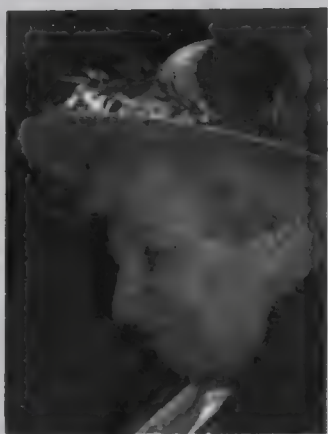
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Zion United: 30 Years of Spring Teas

Last Wednesday the Zion - United Church Women donned their spring hats and hosted their 30th annual Spring Tea to celebrate the season and to raise funds for charity. Every year a different charity is targeted, and this year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation were the lucky recipients.



Lilian Harrison with a sharp, Earth Day bonnet

Spring hats were everywhere as over 60 ladies including the Red Hats, and groups from Highland Wood and Hyland Crest enjoyed an auction (led by the Zion Church Women's President, Eleanor Hamilton), a concert (by Christine Archer, Elly Malcomson, and Jesse Pflug), a sing-a-long, tea, and some delicious home-made fruit tarts. Despite cold temperatures and rain, the ambience was warm, festive, and a whole lot of fun. And in addition the ladies raised \$175 for Health Services, which was augmented by a special donation from one of the women of \$1000. Total donation: \$1175.■



The hard working Zion ladies: from left, Barbara Braker, Sandy Johnson, Anne Bulford, Wilma Heggart, Pearl Foster, and Judith McNeillage.



Singers Christine Archer, Elly Malcomson, and Jesse Pflug.

Red Hawks Roundup

Badminton players advance to COSSA & Track Team travels to Bracebridge for warm-up meet

Compiled by Ms Paul's Intrepid Reporters

Red Hawks hosted 15 competing teams in the Kawartha junior badminton championships held in the Hal High gym last Thursday, April 23.

Seven Red Hawk players moved on to the COSSA finals. The Red Hawk team finished second overall in the team event.

The players advancing to the COSSA finals include: Ashley Proctor and Mark Vasey placed second in the mixed doubles event; Kristin Schollig won bronze in girls singles; Sam Tallman and Grace Diezel placed second in the girls doubles; and Ian Bottum and Brandon Yake finished third in the boys' doubles. The juniors travel to Brighton today (Thursday) for the COSSA playdowns.

In the senior portion of the Kawartha badminton playdowns, seven Hal High players competed at Lindsay's I.E. Weldon and four Red Hawk players (two doubles' teams) advanced to COS-SA (held this past Tuesday in Cobourg).

Hillary Hawley and Kaitlin Cowen finished second in their doubles bracket, and Drew Paul and Jesse Schmidt advanced on the basis of their strong fourth place showing.

Track & Field

The HHSS Track & Field team had a great start at the relays in Bracebridge. The event was a warm-up for the upcoming Kawartha meet on May 14th. The COSSA meet which is the first step in the elimination process. The COSSA meet is slated for May 21 in Peterborough. The OFSAA provincial meet is June 4th to the 6th in Toronto.

Special mention and some DAP to to senior track athletes Alex McMaster, Daniel Wright, Kaitlin Allore, Matt Smith, Scott Henwood, and Katrina Chvedukas for anchoring the team and contributing to its overall success at the Bracebridge meet.

Girls Soccer

The girls' junior and senior soccer teams lost both ends of the doubleheader played at Fenelon Falls last week.

Both teams played at Lindsay Collegiate on Wednesday of this week. Results were not available as the paper went to press.■

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

DEATH NOTICES

Gladys Crawford

(Resident of Harcourt Park, Ontario)



At Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, April 27, 2009 in her 86th year. Beloved wife of Leonard Crawford of Harcourt Park. Loving mother of Richard (Grace) of Markham, Charles (Nancy) of Oshawa, Wayne (Joan) of Oshawa, and Karen of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Erin (Marlon), Marie (Mikey), Joanne (Chad), Danny, Julie, Shaney and by her great grandchildren Myles, Liam, Zoey and Connor.

Predeceased by her sister Margaret, her brother Charles and her step brothers William & John Harkness. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.
(Haliburton Community Funeral Home)

Rose Woolacott

(Resident of Harcourt Park, Ontario)



Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. At the age of 43

Beloved wife of Ken. Dear mother of Chris and Jenny. Dear daughter-in-law of Joyce Woolacott. Fondly remembered by the Woolacott family and by Rudy, Daisy, Boo, Squiggy and Sammy.

Cremation has taken place and a private family gathering will be held at a later date.
(Monk Funeral Home)



In Loving Memory of

Lawrence Leslie "Larry" Loughheed

Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital, on Sunday, April 26, 2009. In his 82nd year.

Larry is survived by his wife, of 59 years, Grace, by his two children, Steve and Lawrence (Rawn), by his grandchildren Jesse, Caleb, Taylor, Jason, Brad, and Tori. Brother of Marg Grise (deceased), Gerald (Marjorie), MaryLou (John Stavinga). Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Cremation has taken place. A Graveside Committal Service and Interment will be held at the Minden Cemetery on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, Minden.

Memorial Donations to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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It was a great success. Also thanks to everyone
who came out to support this community event.

Maxine Snell
(2nd Vice-President)

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Giving Thanks to Those Who Face Danger Minden and Carnarvon Churches Host Services in Appreciation of Emergency Services Workers



Rev. Max Ward (right) sings a hymn with Norm Thomas, left) during the Sunday Service in Minden



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Pictured left to right are: O.P.P. Const. Kevin Windover, EMS worker Jim Young, Firefighter Joel Parker, and Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell. Not in photo but standing beside Windover is O.P.P. Sgt. Dan Collings.

Each day when emergency services personnel are out on the job, they face potentially dangerous situations. They know that, but it's not reason enough to stop them from doing what it is they do so well – protecting the citizens in their community.

This past Sunday, church services at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon and at the Minden United Church were held in appreciation of local emergency personnel. Some of the brave individuals who were recognized at the services included members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, Stanhope Fire Department Firefighters/First Response, ambulance workers and Minden Hills Emergency Services personnel.

At the service in Minden Rev. Max Ward praised all emergency services workers who are in the community as well as those all over the globe.

"These are people who give of themselves everyday to the public," said Ward. "It's impossible to know when danger will face us. These are the men and women who will work to protect us."

Following the services, light lunches were served. ■



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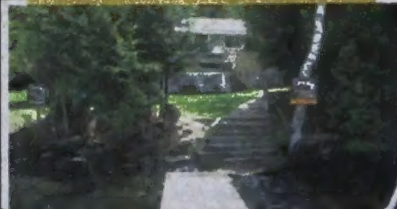
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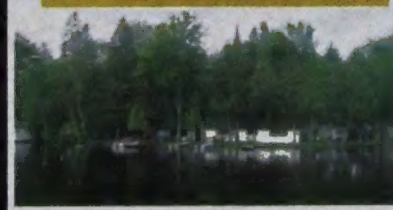
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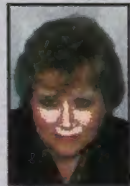
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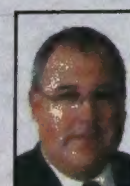
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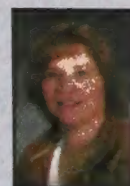
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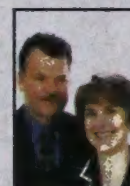
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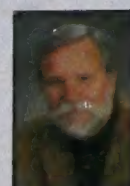
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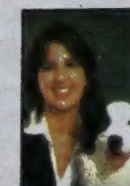
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